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MINUTES

OF THE

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF PENNSYLVANIA.

At a Council held at Philadelphia in the Council Chamber, on Fryday the 18th of October, 1771.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor.

James Hamilton,	Thomas Cadwallader,	Esquires.
Joseph Turner,	James Tilghman,	
William Logan,	Andrew Allen,	
Richard Peters,	Edward Shippen, Junior,	

The Governor having yesterday received a Message from the Assembly, acquainting him that they propose to present him an address, and to claim the usual priviledges of the House, and his Honour having appointed this day for that purpose, about twelve o'clock he directed the Secretary to acquaint them that he attended his appointment in the Council Chamber, and was ready to Receive the House with their Speaker. The whole House immediately waited on him, and the Speaker delivered the following address, Vis^{t}:

"*To the Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, upon Delaware.*

The Address of the Assembly.

"May it please your Honour:

"The Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, sincerely congratulate your Honour on your safe Arrival and accession to this Government.

"The appointment of a Gentleman who has resided several years among us, and acquired a knowledge of the Circumstances of

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the Province, is extreamly agreeable to us, and induces to hope, that while he pays a due Regard to the Prerogatives of our most Gracious Sovereign, the just rights of his Subjects, and a faithful execution of the Laws, those Essential Supports to the Honour and Dignity of Government, cannot fail to become Objects of his care and attention, and the people we represent to be made happy under his administration.

"Permit us to assure your Honour, that on our part, nothing shall be wanting to support you in the exercise of the Just rights of Government, and to render your residence among us easy and happy

"Signed by order of the House,
"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*

"October 18th, 1771."

To which the Governor was pleased to return an answer in these Words, Viz^{t}:

"Gentlemen:

"I heartily thank you for your kind Congratulation on my arrival and appointment to the Government.

"My former Residence among you, at the same time that it afforded me some insight into the Circumstances of the Province, could not fail to add considerably to my Regard for it, And as I shall on all Occasions study to protect the People committed to my Charge in the full Enjoyment of all their just Rights and Priviledges, as well as to support the Prerogatives of the Crown, I flatter myself that your kind Expectations in my favor will be in some measure answered, and that my administration may be easy to myself and happy to the Publick."

The Speaker then, addressing himself to the Governor, claimed the several usual Privileges in behalf of the House, which his Honor was pleased to say were undoubtedly essential in a Representative Body, and that he should at all times endeavor to protect the House in the enjoyment of them. The Speaker thereupon presented to the Governor a Certificate for £600, for which his Honour returned thanks to the House, and then they withdrew.

A Draught of a Message to the Assembly being prepared by a Member of Council at the Governor's Request, the same was read, and being approved, the Secretary Transcribed it at the Table and carried it Immediately to the House, and at the same time laid before them, by direction of the Board, the Depositions of Ashur Clayton and Joseph Morris.

"Gentlemen:

"I am sorry to be under a Necessity at my first arrival among you, to apply for your Assistance in a very disagreeable Affair, which I understand has given great Trouble to the Government.

"It is a matter of public Notoriety that those daring Offenders, Lazarus Stewart and his Accomplices, with a number of adherents,

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have, in the most hostile and Warlike Manner, expelled our people from their Settlements at Wyoming, where these intruders remain, in Defiance of the Powers of Government, which have hitherto proved ineffectual to restrain their daring and Insolent Behaviour.

"Your own Reflections, Gentlemen, will point out to you the fatal Consequences of suffering these lawless People to remain quiet in a possession which they have obtained as it were by Open War.

"It is more than probable that, encouraged by their late Success, they may extend their Possessions to other parts of the Province, and put our frontier into a state of Disorder and Confusion.

"When you come Seriously to attend to the many mischiefs with which this important Affair is pregnant, I cannot Doubt but you will readily give me your Assistance in Speedily Suppressing these disorders, and bringing to Condign Punishment a set of People who have in the most audacious manner put the Government and its Laws at Defiance; and as one Mean proper for the Accomplishment of so desirable an end, and of Preventing Disorders of the same kind, I would remind you of Reviving the late Riot Act.

"I am informed, Gentlemen, that some Provision will be wanted for Subsisting His Majesty's Troops now in the Barracks of this Province, which I likewise recommend to your Consideration.

"RICHARD PENN.

"October 18, 1771."

At a Council held at Philadelphia on Saturday 19th October, 1771.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Joseph Turner, Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, Junior, Lynford Lardner, James Tilghman, } Esquires.

Mr. Hamilton having delivered to the Governor a Letter which he received last Night from the Governor of Connecticut, in answer to the one he had dispatched by express the forth Instant, His Honour by the advice of the Council, ordered the Secretary to lay it before the Assembly for their Perusal. The said Letter follows in these Words, Viz.:

"NEW HAVEN, 14th October, 1771.

"Sir:

"I have the Honour of your favor of the Fourth Instant, and am extreamly sorry to find that the peace of His Majesty's Subjects has been disturbed in the manner you represent.

"The Persons concerned in these Transactions have no Order and direction from me, or from the General Assembly of this Colony,

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for their proceedings upon this Occasion; and I am very Confident that the Assembly, Friends as they have ever been to peace and good order, will never Countenance any Violent, much less Hostile, Measures in Vindicating the right which the Susquehanna Company suppose they have to the lands in that part of the Country within the limits of the Charter, to this Colony. You will see by the representation from the Committee of the Susquehannah Company, which I had the Honour to Transmit to Governor Penn, that the Claimants under that Company (who no doubt are the people Concerned in the late Transactions), Complain that they were first attacked and Ill treated by the People of your Province, when they meant only a peaceable Possession of the Lands they claim a Title to, and wished to vindicate that Title in due course of Law. Your People, on the other hand, insist, it seems, that the Susquehannah Claimants have been the aggressors. Which have been most in fault it is not my part to determine.

"I can only assure you that it is with the deepest Concern that I see this Controversy conducted in so Violent and Hostile a Manner, and that I wish to Contribute all in my power to preserve Peace & good Order.

"I am, with the greatest Esteem, Sir,

"Your most Obedient Humble Servant,

"JONT^n. TRUMBULL.

"Hon^r. JAMES HAMILTON."

A Committee of two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor and presented him two Bills for his Honor's Concurrence, entituled "An Act for preventing Tumults and Ryotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Ryoters;" And "An Act for the support of the Light House erected at the mouth of the Bay of Delaware, and the Buoys placed in the said Bay and the River Delaware, and for the re-payment of the monies borrowed for the Erecting the said Light House and placing the said Buoys."

The Committee at the same time acquainted the Governor that the House were inclined to rise to-day, and proposed to adjourn to the first Monday in January next, if his Honour had no Objection thereto.

The Governor replied to them that he should take the Bills into Consideration immediately, and had no objections to their proposed time of adjournment.

The Bills were then read and duly considered, and being approved by the Board, the Secretary was Ordered to return them to Assembly immediately, with a Verbal Message to the House that the Governor gave his assent to them.

In considering the last mentioned Bill it was found that the names of the Commissioners and Collector of Tonage therein, were the same with those appointed by the Act for erecting a Light

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House, &c. passed in September, 1763, whom the Governor did then approve of, for which Reason His Honour waved any objection to this Bill on account of the nomination of the Officers; And it appeared also to the Board to be freed from the Objections made by the Lords of Trade to the Supplement to the last mentioned Act, passed in September, 1764, and repealed by the Crown in June, 1766.

The Council then adjourned to the Council Chamber, and the Secretary was sent with a Message to the Assembly, to acquaint them that the Governor was ready to enact into Laws the two Bills which had Received his assent. The whole House accordingly attending, the Speaker presented the said two Bills, which the Governor enacted into Laws, and signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal to them. They were accordingly Sealed, and afterward deposited in the Rolls Office.

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New Castle, Tuesday October 22d, 1771.

This Morning the Governor, by two Members of his Council, and the Gentlemen of the Assembly, and preceded by the Sheriff and his Officers, went to the Court House, where his Commission and Proclamation for the Continuance of Magistrates and other Officers of the Government were published with due Solemnity, in the presence of a number of the Inhabitants.

—

Edom die, P. M.

The Governor received a Verbal Message from the Assembly by three Members, that the House had met pursuant to the Charter and laws of the Government, and had chosen their Speaker, and desired to know when and where they should wait on his Honour in Order to present him. His Honour made answer, that he was now ready to receive the House with their Speaker. The Assembly attended accordingly, and presented David Hall, Esquire, as their Speaker, who, being approved by the Governor, claimed the usual Privileges, which were granted, and then the House withdrew.

A Committee of three members of the House waited on the Governor and acquainted him that the House having taken the usual Qualifications, were ready to receive any Business which His Honour might have to lay before them; to which the Governor made answer, that he intended to speak to the House to-morrow, and would acquaint them by the Secretary at what hour he should require their attendance.

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Wednesday, 23d October, 1771, A. M.

The Governor acquainted the Assembly by the Secretary that He proposed to speak to them this forenoon, and therefore now required their attendance at Mis^ss. Clay's House. The Speaker and the whole House attending immediately, the Governor made them a speech, which follows in these words, vizt:

"Gentlemen:

"It gives me great pleasure to have so early an opportunity after my arrival, of acquainting you with my appointment to the Government of these Counties, and to assure you of my sincere Inclinations upon all Occasions to promote the true Interest and prosperity of the people committed to my Charge.

"I have a sensible pleasure in reflecting upon the harmony which has subsisted between my predecessor and the representative Body of these Counties; and I do assure you that nothing shall be wanting on my part which can contribute to preserve the like good understanding with you.

"I have no particular Business to lay before you at this time, but shall always be ready to Concur with you in any measures which may promote the happiness and Welfare of the People you represent."

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Edom die, P. M.

Three Members of Assembly waited on the Governor in the Evening, and acquainted him that the House had prepared an address which they Intended to present to his Honour; and requested to know when he would be pleased to receive the same. The Governor answered that he would be ready for that purpose in about half an hour. The House having accordingly waited on the Governor; The Speaker delivered an address to his Honor in the following words, Viz^t:

"May it please Your Honour:

"We the representatives of the Freemen of the Counties of New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, upon Delaware, beg leave to Congratulate your Honor on your appointment to and safe arrival in this your Government; and to return you our most sincere and hearty thanks for your very kind and affectionate Speech.

"The knowledge we have of your Honour from your residence in your other Province for several years, your condescending affability, candor, and the perfect assurance you are pleased to give us of your sincere inclination upon all occasions to promote the true Interest and prosperity of the People Committed to your Charge, cannot fail of procuring the Esteem of our Constituents, and exciting in us the warmest emotions of Gratitude.

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"The many amiable Qualities, your honoured predecessor was possessed of, very justly endeared him to the representative body of these Counties, as well as to all who had the honor of his acquaintance, and we cannot but retain the deepest sence of the happiness the good people of this Government enjoyed under his administration. The pleasing prospect we have of a continuance of that Harmony in the Legislative, that always subsisted between him and the Assemblies here, affords us a very singular satisfaction.

"We thank your Honor for the most obligeing manner in which you have declared your readiness to Concur with us in any Measures that may promote the happiness and welfare of our Constituents.

"In return for so much goodness, permit us, Sir, to declare that, as well from Inclination as duty, we will do every thing on our parts, both in our public and private Characters, that may have a tendency to render your Honor's administration easy and happy.

"Signed by Order of the House,

"DAVID HALL, Speaker.

"October 23d, 1771."

To which the Governor was pleased to return the following Answer, Viz^t:

"Gentlemen:

"I heartily thank you for your affectionate address to me, as well as for the kind regard you have expressed for my predecessor.

"It gives me great satisfaction to find that the good People of this Government entertain so favourable an opinion of me. I do assure you I have nothing more at heart than their true Interest, and I flatter myself that you will at all times find my Actions Correspond with my Professions.

"October 23d, 1771."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 23d November, 1771.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c^a

Richard Peters, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, }

The Governor having Received information that Lieutenant Robert Hamilton, of his Majesty's eighteenth Regiment of Foot, who stands charged with the Murder of Lieutenant Tracy, of the same Regiment, in the County of Bedford, is very desirous of Receiving his Tryal, acquainted the board that he thought a special Commission for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer should be Issued for that purpose, as it would be inconvenient for the Judges of the Su-

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pream Court to take a Journey at this Season so far as Bedford. The Board thereupon desired desired the Governor to Issue a Special Commission, appointing the three Eldest Justices of the Peace in Bedford County to hold the said Court; and His Honor accordingly Issued a Commission, Directed to John Frazer, Bernard Docherty, and Arthur St. Clair, Esquires.

The Secretary laid before the Board a Petition from a number of Germans, settled at the Glades, upon Stony Creek and Youghiagany, in the County of Bedford, representing the great inconvenience they are under for want of a Magistrate, there being none nearer to them than thirty miles, and praying the appointment of one residing in or near that Settlement.

The Board, on considering the said Petition, advised the Governor to commissionate for that purpose Mr. Abraham Keble, who is recommended as a man of Property and Reputation, and the best quallified of any person in that quarter to execute the duty of a Magistrate. His Honor accordingly issued a special commission, appointing the said Keble a Justice of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Bedford.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday the 1st of December, 1771.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, Benjamin Chew, } Esquires.
Lynford Lardner, Edward Shippen, jun^r. }

The minutes of the Preceeding Council were read and approved.

John Swift, Esquire, Collector of his Majesty's Customs for this Port, appeared at the Board and presented to the Governor for his perusal several depositions taken before the Chief Justice, setting forth that Thomas Mushett, Commander of a Schooner in the Service of the said John Swift, did on Saturday, the 23d of last month, near Chester, in the river Delaware, seize as forfeited to his Majesty a Pilot Boat laden with a Variety of contraband Goods; that the said Thomas Mushet, after setting one the of Men who worked the said Pilot Boat on Shore, at his own Request proceeded up the river for this City, with the said Pilot Boat; That when they reached Red Bank they were met by the Tide of Ebb, and came to an Anchor, lashing both Vessels together; that between nine and ten o'clock the same night they were boarded by upwards of 30 Men in disguise, armed with Cutlashes, Clubs, and other Offencive Weapons, who violently attacked and Cruelly cut and wounded the

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said Thomas Mushet and two of his People, and Confining them and the rest of the Crew in the Hold of the said Schooner, did considerable damage to her by cutting her sails and Rigging, &c., and afterwards Rescued and carried off the said Pilot Boat with her lading.

The said Depositions being read, Mr. Swift requested the Governor would be pleased to issue a Proclamation offering rewards for the apprehending and bringing to Justice the several persons who had committed the assault and rescue mentioned in the said Depositions, or were otherwise Concerned in that illegal and Ryotous proceeding.

The Board taking this matter into consideration, advised the Governor to issue a Proclamation agreeable to Mr. Swift's Request, if the Speaker and the other Members of the Assembly who were in Town, would engage that the House will pay the Rewards which may be offered and become payable on that occasion, and the Secretary was directed to wait on the Speaker to request he would consult the Members of Assembly on this matter, and to acquaint the Governor with their Sentiments and Resolutions thereon.

The Governor laid before the board a Letter he had just received from three of the Principal Magistrates in Kent County, representing the great inconveniences the people of that County labour under for want of a sufficient number of Magistrates conveniently situated to do the public business, owing to the Death and removal of some of the Magistrates appointed in the last General Commission of the peace, and recommanding John Chew, Richard Smith, Richard Lockwood, and Zadok Crapper, as the most proper persons to supply the present deficiency in the Magistracy. The Governor, therefore, by the advice of the Board, directed the Secretary to make out a new Commission, assigning the following Gentlemen Justices of the Court of General quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of common Pleas for the said County of Kent, Viz^{t}:

Charles Ridgley,	James Boyen,
Andrew Caldwell,	Thomas Hanson,
James Sykes,	Jonathan Emmerson,
William Rhodes,	Samuel Chew,
John Clark,	John Chew,
Jacob Stout,	Richard Smith,
Finwick Fisher,	Richard Lockwood,
Thomas Tilton,	Zadok Crapper.
Warner Mifflin,	

Christian Lehman, a Conveyancer in this City, having lately petitioned the Governor to grant him a Commission to be a Notary and Tabellion Public, and produced Recommendations from several Gentlemen of Reputation of his being properly Qualified to execute that office, His Honour was this day pleased to issue a

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Commission appointing the said Christian Lehman a Notary and Tabellion Public within this Province.

The Delaware Captain named Killbuck, and two other Indians of the same Tribe, who lately came to town from the Ohio, with a Message to this Government from the Western Indians, were introduced by the Secretary, and the Governor having bid them welcome and acquainted them that he was ready to hear what they had to say, Killbuck spoke to them as follows, Viz^t:

"Brethren:

"I am glad to see you here face to face; It is twenty Days since I came from Fort Pitt, and I am pleased we are now met together to do Business at our old Council Fire at Philadelphia.

"Brethren:

"I am sent down with a Message to the Governor from the Delawares, Munsies, Mohickons and Shawanese.

"Brethren:

"The Great God has established among us Indians the method of using Belts of Wampum to convey our sentiments to each other as you do by means of writing.

"Brethren:

"The Message I have now to deliver by the three Belts which I have now in my hands, is not only addressed to you, but to the Governors of Maryland and Virginia likewise; We have the same Request to make of you all.

"Brethren:

"But before I deliver the Message I have in Charge, I by this String wipe all your Faces Clean, and remove the sweat and dust from your Eyes, and cleanse your Hearts of all Foulness, that you may hear and understand all that your Brethren the Delawares, Mohickons, Munsies and Shawanese, have to say to you.

A String.

"Brethren:

"Sir William Johnson told me at his own House, about six years agoe, that there should be some one sent by the King of England to reside at Fort Pitt, with whom the Indians might confer and do their Indian Business.

"Brethren:

"As you are at a great distance from us, and it is therefore Difficult to do Business with you, I am greatly afraid that our young men will act foolishly and Commit many disorders for want of some such Person as we have mentioned to reside at Fort Pitt.

"Brethren:

"I request you will be so good as to take care of your own young People, and restrain them from acting foolishly, and we shall do so on our part with respect to our young men, as far as lies in our power.

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"Brethren:

"About three years agoe you made a Council Fire at Fort Pitt, and we think that that fire is now almost out and wants to be rekindled.

"Brethren:

"The Six Nations meet with Sir William Johnson every year in order to brighten and strengthen the Chain of Friendship. We also observe the same thing is done at Charlestown, at which place the Cherokees and Catawbas meet every spring to renew their Friendship with their Brethren; And there was formerly a Council Fire in these middle Provinces, kept up by your and our forefathers, but we perceive *that* fire is almost extinguished, and we desire now that it may be renewed, that we may meet together as our forefathers used to do, and strengthen our Friendship.

"Brethren:

"Now, I have from the bottom of my Heart opened all the Business that I am sent upon, and as it is not only directed to you, but to the Governors of Maryland and Virginia, I desire that this Message may be sent along with the Belts which I have brought with me to those two Governments, and that you will let the King of England know that we have made this request to you and them.

"Now let us join together heartily and engage with one another to build up a Council Fire at Fort Pitt, and if we do this Heartily in the beginning, our Children and Grand Children will keep it up, and it will in time become a very great Fire, sufficient to preserve frienship between us and our latest Posterity.

"Now, Brethren, I repeat it again, that tho' we come with this Message to you, we desire you may not understand that it is intended for you alone, but equally to the Governors of Maryland and Virginia, and we request they may be informed of this.

Delivered three Belts and Three Strings.

"Brethren:

"I desire, by this Belt, that as we are helpless and poor, you will assist us on our Return Home."

A Belt.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Tuesday 2d of December, 1771.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esq., Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters,
Lynford Lardner,
Edward Shippen, junr.
Benjamin Chew,
Andrew Allen,
} Esquires.

The Council being met, pursuant to a Summons sent them yesterday by the Governor's directions, requesting their attendance

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this morning to consider of the addition of a new Member to the Board, His Honour expressed his Inclination to Introduce William Hicks, Esquire, to a seat in the Council, and proposed him for that purpose, and none of the Members present making any Objections thereto, it is ordered that that Gentleman be Summoned to attend at the next meeting of the Council, in order to take the usual qualifications, and be admitted to his seat at this Board.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 5th December, 1771.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c^a.

Richard Peters,
James Tilghman,
Edward Shippen, jun^r. } Esquires.

William Hicks, Esqr. having been summoned to attend the Council, this day appeared at the Board, and took and Subscribed the usual qualification and also took an Oath for the Faithful discharge of his duty as a Member of the proprietary and Governor's Council, and was then admitted to his seat at the Board.

Killbuck and the two other Delaware Indians from the Ohio being sent for to receive the Governor's answer to the Message he lately brought from the western Indians appeared; and being seated, the Governor delivered to them his answer in the following words, Viz^t:

"Brethren:

"By this String I perform the same Ceremonys towards you, which agreeable to custom, were observed by you towards me.

A String.

"Brethren:

"Now attend to the answer I am going to give to your speeches, and that you may know I have rightly understood you, I shall repeat the substance of what you spoke.

"You told me you was deputed by four Nations, namely: Delawares, Munsies, Mohickons, and Shawanese; that the Business was weighty and of great Consequence, relating not only to this Government, but equally to the Governments of Virginia and Maryland, as well as this province, and accordingly you had a Belt for each of us, which you delivered to me, with a Request that I would send the other two to the other Governors, together with the Message you was charged with. You then proceeded to the Business itself, informing me that about six years agoe, at a visit you paid

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to Sir William Johnson, He, by you, informed the Indians on the Ohio that there should be some person of a Public Character sent to reside at Fort Pitt, to whom the Indians might have Recourse when any Business was wanted to be done with any of their Brethren, the English; and that this was Solemnly promised again to the Indians at the great Treaty which was held on the part of the King about three years agoe, at Fort Pitt; That you were the only Tribes of Indians who were without such a public person, for the Northern Indians of the Six Nations had opportunity of holding annual Treaties with Sir William Johnson, and the Southern Indians with a person appointed like him and Residing at Charles Town.

"And you further said that, as you had many disorderly Indians, and especially among your young Men, who only could be Restrained by the presence of a person who should have authority to call all such disorderly Persons forthwith to account, if so necessary and useful a measure should be any longer delayed, it was highly probable that the peace now so happily subsisting between us would not last long, for quarrels were every day arising, and more would arise, that must break the Chain of Friendship, and therefore desired that on the part of these middle Provinces of Virginia, Maryland, and this Province, there might be a person sent to reside at Fort Pitt, invested with powers to do Indian Business, in the same manner as is done for the Northern and Southern Indians.

"You concluded with desiring that the three Governments would send a particular account of this request of yours to His Majesty.

"Brethren:

"I shall not fail in Compliance with your request, to forward Your Message and Belts to the Governors of Virginia and Maryland.

"I make no doubt but Sir William Johnson has had Conferences with the Six Nations, and likewise has corresponded with his Majesty's Ministers on so Important a subject as the placing of a person to do Indian Business at Fort Pitt. I shall therefore send a copy of your request to him, that I may know every thing that has been done in Relation to this affair, in order thence to be able to write properly on this subject to his Majesty."

A Belt.

The Secretary acquainted the Board that he had waited on Mr. Galloway, the Speaker of the Assembly, in order to know the minds of himself and the other Members of Assembly in Town, respecting the payments of such Rewards as might be offered for apprehending the persons concerned in the Rescue of the Pilot Boat which had been seized last month by the Custom-House officers, and that Mr. Galloway had desired him to inform the Governor that he had Consulted all the Members of Assembly who were in Town, and that as the matter was entirely new and without a precedent, they

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could not undertake to say what might be the sentiments of the House thereon, and therefore they declined any engagements on their Behalf, for the payment of any Rewards that should be offered, or advising the Governor at all on this Occasion.

The Council thereupon advised the Governor to issue a Proclamation requiring all officers and others to use their utmost endeavours for apprehending and securing the persons concerned in the above mentioned outrage, and promising a pardon to any one of the Offenders who should inform against, or make known one or more of his accomplices, so that they be brought to Conviction.

The following Proclamation being prepared by the Secretary, was approved and accordingly Issued, Viz^t:

"*By the Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, an Information hath been made to me by John Swift, Esquire, Collector of his Majesty's Customs for the Port of Philadelphia, Supported by the depositions of several Persons taken before the Chief Justice of this Province. That Thomas Mushet, commanding a Schooner belonging to the Custom House of the said Port, on the twenty-third day of November last, did seize, as forfeited, in the River Delaware, a certain Pilot Boat, laden with a variety of Contraband goods, and that between the Hours of nine and ten in the Night Time of the same day, upwards of thirty men, Armed with Clubs and Cutlasses, and disguised in Sailors' dresses, with their Faces smutted, did, in a most violent and outrageous Manner, enter on Board the said Schooner, then lying at anchor together with the said Pilot Boat near Red Bank, in the River aforesaid, and Immediately attacking the people belonging to the said Custom House Schooner, did most cruelly and inhumanly beat, cut, and wound the said Thomas Mushet, and two of his People, and after Confining them and the rest of the crew in the Hold of the Schooner, they cut her sails and Rigging to pieces, and rescued and carried off the Pilot Boat with her lading, which had been seized as aforesaid; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, to issue this Proclamation, and do hereby strictly Charge, enjoin, and Require all Officers, Civil and Military, and all other His Majesty's liege Subjects within this Province, to make diligent Search and Enquiry after the principal Perpetrators of the said Outrage, and all others who were in any Manner concerned therein; and if any of the Offenders shall be found within this Province, to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and Secure them, that they may be proceeded against according to Law. And

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for the better discovering the said Offenders, I do hereby Promise His Majesty's most Gracious Pardon to any one of the Persons concerned therein, who shall inform against or make known any one or more of the Principals or their accomplices, so that he or they be prosecuted to Conviction within this Province.

"*Given* under my Hand and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the fifth day of December, in the twelfth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one.

"RICHARD PENN.

"By His Honour's Command.
"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junr. Secretary.
"GOD SAVE THE KING."

MEMORANDUM, the 1st of January, 1772.

The Governor was this day pleased to appoint Peter Miller, Esquire, a Justice of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia, by a Special Commission, in order to accommodate him in his office of Notary and Tabellion Public, by enabling him to take the Acknowledgements of Deeds, &c.

MEMORANDUM, the 7th of January 1772.

Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Verbal Message, acquainting him that the House were met pursuant to Adjournment, and desired to know if His Honour had any Business to lay before them, to which the Governor Replyed that he had no particular Matter now to Recommend to their Consideration, but as soon as any occurred he should Communicate the same to the House.

At a Council held at Philad.a on Wednesday 8th January, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

William Logan,
Lynford Lardner,
William Hicks,
James Tilghman,
Edward Shippen,
} Esquire.

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter from Captain Sutherland, commanding the King's Troops in the Barracks of this City,

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with a Report of the Deficient state of the Barracks, and the Furniture and Necessaries wanted to Accommodate the Troops therein, which were Read, and the Letter follows in these Words, Viz^{t}:

"PHILADELPHIA, Janu^{y} 5th, 1772.

"Sir:

"I have taken the Liberty of enclosing to you a return of the Bedding, Barrack Furniture, &c., wanting for the Regiment under my Command, which I beg may be, through you, laid before the Honourable House of Assembly, that Provision may be made for supplying them. You will see by the inclosed state that the allowance hitherto made, is in every Respect inadequate, particularly with regard to the article of Bedding, which the present Severity of the Weather renders absolutely Necessary, as they have at present only one Blankett per man. The allowance of small Beer, &^{c}, which is allways made to his Majesty's Troops wherever they are quartered, will, I flatter myself, meet with no Obstruction when Represented by you, particularly from a Province which has always been Remarkable for providing in a proper manner for the Troops quartered with them.

"I hope the absolute Necessity there is for this application, will, in some part, apologize for this trouble, being well assured that if it solely depended upon Yourself, the solicitation would be unnecessary. I have the honor to be, Sir,

"Y^{r} most obedient Servant,

"NICHOLAS SUTHERLAND.

"The Hon^{b} RICH^{d} PENN, Esqr."

The Governor thereupon, by the advice of the Board, immediately sent the following Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, directing him at the same time to lay before them the report therein Referred to, which was accordingly done.

"Gentlemen:

"Having received from Captain Sutherland a report of the Present State of the Barracks, with an Account of many Articles said to be wanting for the accommodation of the Officers and Soldiers quartered there, at his request I have ordered the Secretary to lay the same before you for your Consideration, with an Assurance that I shall be ready to join you in any thing you may Judge proper, or that can reasonably be expected to be done on this Occasion.

"RICHARD PENN.

"January 8, 1772."

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Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor and presented him a Message from the House in the following words, vizt:

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"May it please your Honour:

"In September, 1772, the then House of Assembly presented to the Honourable John Penn, late Governor, a Remonstrance relative to Certain Grievances suffered, and Demands made by the People of Lancaster and Cumberland Counties, for the payment of Carriages employed by Lieutenant Colonel Wilkins in his March to Fort Pitt, with the necessary Affidavits and Papers to support them, requesting that he would represent them to his Excellency General Gage. The Remonstrance a papers being Transmitted accordingly, his Honour, in February, 1771, Communicated to the House a Letter from his Excellency, assuring him that 'the Papers transmitted should be laid before the Proper Officers for examination, with as little delay as Possible, and that he would do all that depends on him to redress the Grievances Complained of.' Neither the late or present House having heard any thing further on this Subject, and the Sufferers remaining unredressed, we request your Honour would obtain Information from his Excellency of what has been further done relative to this Affair.

"Signed by Order of the House.

"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*

"January 8th, 1772."

To which the Governor soon after returned the following answer by the Secretary, vizt:

"Gentlemen:

"Upon Enquiry, I do not find that either the late Governor, or the President and Council after his leaving the Province, have Received from General Gage any further Information than what has already been Communicated respecting his proceeding upon the application made to him in Behalf of the people of Cumberland and Lancaster Counties, on account of their Demands for Carriages employed by Colonel Wilkins on his March to Fort Pitt: I will, therefore, agreeable to your Request, immediately write to his Excellency upon the Subject, and when favoured with his answer, make the House acquainted with it.

"RICHARD PENN.

"January 8, 1772."

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At a Council held at Philadelphia on Thursday 23d January, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, Junior, } Esquires.
James Tilgham, William Hicks, }

The Governor laid before the Board three Bills which had been sent up to him by the Assembly for his Concurrence, and are entituled as follows, viz.:

"An Act for enabling the Justices of the Supream Court and Common pleas to Issue Commissions for taking the examination of Witnesses in Foreign parts and for Perpetuating Testimony."

"An Act to regulate the assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act for preventing Frauds and perjuries."

Which being severally read, the last mentioned Bill was returned to the House with a few small amendments, and the two others Referred to further Consideration.

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Monday 27th January, 1772, P. M.

The Governor having received a Letter last Saturday from His Excellency General Gage, in answer to a Letter he had wrote to him the ninth Instant, sent the following Messuage to the Assembly by the Secretary, which he delivered this afternoon to the House, and at the same time laid before them the said Letter, with the several papers which accompanied it, and are therein Referred to:

"Gentlemen:

"In Compliance with the request you were pleased to make at the Begining of this Session, I immediately wrote to General Gage, desiring that I might be acquainted with the Result of the application made to him respecting the demands of the People of Lancaster and Cumberland Counties, for Carriages employed by Colonel Wilkins, in his March to Fort Pitt. I am just now favoured with his Excellency's answer, which I have Ordered the Secretary to lay before you, together with several other papers relating to the Matter, transmitted to me at the same time.

"RICHARD PENN.

"January 25, 1772."

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"NEW YORK, January 19, 1772.

"Sir:

"I have received your Letter of the Ninth Instant, respecting the Papers transmitted to me, which contain Demands of the People of Lancaster and Cumberland Counties for Carriages employed by Lieutenant Colonel Wilkins, on his March to Fort Pitt, with Several Companies of His Majesty's Eighteenth Regiment, in the year 1768.

"The distance of Time betwixt the March of said Troops and the Demands of the People concerned, together with the very great Distance of the Regiment, has rendered it difficult to ascertain the Propriety of these Demands, though I have taken every step in my power to do it.

"The papers have been laid before the deputy Quarter Master General, to whose department the Contents properly belong, and I transmit you his Report to me thereupon.

"It became necessary likewise to send Copies of them, with a Copy of the remonstrance of the Assembly to their late Governor, to Lieutenant Colonel Wilkins, and I inclose you a Copy of his Letter to me in answer thereto, with Copies of Orders given by him relative to the Carriages, and of the Certificates of the Officers who commanded the Several Companies, two excepted, who are since dead, of the Sums they respectively paid to the Waggoners.

"If the Waggoners have Received the Sums directed to be paid them by Act of Parliament, Viz^t: Fourteen pence Sterling per Mile, for a Waggon that carries Twenty-four Hundred Weight, for as many Miles as they Marched with the Troops, it is as much as they were intitled to receive. It appears from the Deputy Quarter Master General's Report and other Papers, that the paymaster of the Regiment has Received the amount thereof, and from the Officers' Certificates that the same was paid to the Waggoners, and no greater Charge can be made to Government on the Head of Carriages for the Marching of Troops in time of Peace; When they are in the Field, different Methods are pursued.

"Some of the Drivers having alledged that they received provisions from the King's Magazines, and were made to pay double what is stopped from the Soldier, I ordered the Commissary General to Inspect into the Issues of 1768, in the Pennsylvania department from Philadelphia to Fort Pitt, who has sent me a Return thereof, and acquainted me by Letter that the Contractors have made no Charge for Rations to Waggoners, and that the whole of the Receipts for Provisions issued, are Included in Lieutenant Colonel Wilkins' General receipt for Stoppages from the Soldiers.

"It is, however, possible, that the Drivers may have been victualled with the Soldiers and Receipts given for them as soldiers, in which case we may suppose Stoppages were made from them, as the Soldiers have paid for all that was Issued. This is only Conjecture; but if it proves true, and that the Waggoners can ascertain the Ra-

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tions they received, and the Stoppages made from their Hire on that Account, properly Certified, it will be in my power to redress them on that point, it having been usual to allow Waggoners carrying Baggage on a march with Troops, a ration of Provisions Gratis when they passed the Frontiers.

"One of the Claimants, vizt: Kilheffer, charges for the loss of a Horse, but there is no regular appraisement of his Value, or Certificate that the Horse was lost in the service; there is, however, a Voucher of his Value, an if Kilheffer produces a proper certificate from the Officers that the Horse was actually lost in the Service, he shall be paid accordingly; this is all in my power to do.

"Captain Chapman, of the eighteenth Regiment, at Present in Philadelphia, was on the march with Lieutenant Colonel Wilkins, and may be able to give some account of these matters, and shall be wrote to.

"Many unforseen accidents will happen on Marches, which occasion Damage and Loss to the owners and Drivers of Waggons, and the acts of Parliament made in these Respects, as well for Great Britain as America, direct in What manner they are to be indemnified.

"I inclose the People's Demands,

"and have the Honor to be, Sir,

"Your most Obedint and most humble Servant,

"THOMAS GAGE."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 29th January, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &ca.

Lynford Lardner,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, jun^r	
James Tilghman,	William Hicks,	

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act for enabling the Justices of the Supream Court and Common Pleas to Issue Commissions for taking the examinations of Witnesses in foreign Parts and for perpetuating Testimony,"—which being intended to vest in the Courts of Common Law, some of the Powers of a Court of Chancery appears to be expressly Contrary to one of the Proprietary Instructions which the Governor shewed to the Board. The Council therefore concurred with the Governor in Opinion, that he could not Consistent with his duty give his assent to it, and the Governor accordingly ordered the Secretary to Return the Bill to the Assembly, with a Verbal Messuage to the House that he could not agree to pass it into a Law.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 8th February, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Benjamin Chew, }
James Tilghman, } Esquires.
William Hicks, }

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Bill entituled "An Act to regulate the assize of Bread and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which a few amendments were made, and the Bill was returned with the same to the House.

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills sent up by the Assembly for his Honor's concurrence, entituled as follows, vizt:

"An Act for the sale of Goods destreined for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Persons destreining the same, for the better security of Rents, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act to prevent Frauds and abuses in the manufactoring of Leather," which were read and refered to further Consideration.

The Governor also laid before the Board a letter he just now Received from Sir William Johnson, which was read and is as follows, vizt:

JOHNSON HALL, Jany 29th, 1772.

"Sir:

"I am just favoured with your Letter of the 9th instant, and take this first opportunity which has offered, thro' the want of a Personal acquaintance, to Congratulate you on your taking upon you the Government of Pennsylvania which I do with great sincerity, from the Esteem I have for all the Branches of your Family.

"I have perused the Papers you transmitted, the design of which I can easily Comprehend, and that you may understand the same, I shall explain the Affair in such a manner as will sufficiently account for the application of the Indians.

"The Shawanese, Delawares, Munsies, &c^a have been, and are to be Considered as Dependants on the Five Nations, and having Nothing to do with the western Indians further than in an Intercourse common with all Indians in time of Peace. But as they resided at a distance from the Chief Residences of the five Nations, I thought it necessary to appoint a Deputy for the District of the Ohio, &c^a in which they were comprehended; during the War, and afterwards for a time, they partook liberally of his Majesty's Bounty, and another officer was appointed as a Commiss^ry to Inspect the Trade at Fort Pitt and prevent abuses, but the expences of Presents and additional Establishments were thought too Great by the Crown, and therefore, by his Majesty's Orders, the Commiss^ry &c^a were

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discontinued, the affairs that merely Regarded Trade, recommended to the care of the Colonies, and the allowance for my department limited to a Certain sum, which, after deducting the Sallaries of necessary officers, and other Incidental Expences would by no means admit of any of those Largesses which they had formerly experienced from the various wants of so many Nations as are within the Northern Department. The Deputy agent was still retained at Fort Pitt to receive their Speeches, and to treat with them from time to time, as he should be directed, and occasionally furnished them with necessary Presents; and this office has not been discontinued, but a proper officer is now at the Ohio to hear them whenever they have any Business, so that this Application to you is only from a few People, who want more favors than they deserve, or than Government inclines to bestow, not only without the Knowledge, but Contrary to the Inclination of the Five Nations, whose names (as they are a busy people) they but too often make use of, because that they are Connected with some Emigrants from the Senecas, and some others of the Five Nations who have removed from under the Influence of their Chiefs to the Ohio. It is Certainly to be wished that all the Colonies Concerned may unite in regulating the Trade, and appointing Proper Persons to Inspect it. This has been long Promised, and is expected by all the Indians. But all other matters are by His Majesty's Express Orders, Solely confined to one Channel, namely: that of my department; for the conducting of which the same Officers are kept Up as formerly, and in the same places, except those regarding Trade, which I have already mentioned, have been struck off by his Majesty's Command. You will from hence easily perceive the motives which Occasioned the Application of these two Tribes to you, the answer to which is obvious, as they cannot complain of the want of any Officers but those for the Regulation of Indian Trade, which no longer depends on the Crown.

"I am, with much Esteem, Sir,

"Your most obedient,

"And very humble Servant,

"W. JOHNSON."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 12th February, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Benjamin Chew, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
William Hicks,

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Bills entituled "An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such

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Goods to the Persons Distraining the same, for the better security of Rents, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and "An Act to prevent Frauds & Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather," which were read, and a few small amendments being made to the first mentioned Bill, and the following amendments to the Last, they were both ordered to be returned to the House with the same:

Amendment 1. Page 13. Dele from the word [and] inclusive, in line 3, to the word [allowed] inclusive, in the last line.

2. Page 27, Line 2. Dele the words [the Assembly appoint another], and insert the words [another shall be appointed by Act of General Assembly].

3. page 28, line 11. Dele from the word [that] in line 11, to and instead thereof insert as follows, the end of the Bill, to wit:

That so much of an Act of Assembly of this Province, made in the 7th year of his Majesty George the 1st, entituled "An Act for the well Tanning and currying of Leather, and regulating of Cordwainers, and other artificers, using and Occupying Leather in this Province, "as relates to the Tanning & Currying of Leather, to the Prices of Leather, and Shoes, and Boots, and such other parts of the said Act as by this act is altered, amended, or supplyed, shall be, and is hereby Repealed."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 17th Febr^y 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c^a.

William Logan, Edward Shippen, jun^r, } Esquires.
Lynford Lardner, William Hicks, }

The Governor laid before the Board four Bills sent up to him by the House of Assembly for his Honor's Concurrence, entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"An Act to regulate Chimney sweepers within the City of Philad^a, the district of Southwark, and the Townships of the Northern Liberties."

"An Act for Opening, and better amending and keeping in Repair the Public Roads and Highways within this Province."

"An Act for the safe keeping and preserving the Records and other Public Papers of the County of Bucks."

"An Act for vesting a Certain Tract of 150 acres of Land, situate in Frederick Township, in the County of Philadelphia, commonly called the Perkiomen Copper Mine Tract, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned." Which being severally read and considered, were Ordered to be returned by the Sec-

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retary to the House with an Amendment made to each of the two first mentioned Bills, and a Verbal Message, that his Honour could not agree to Enact the third Bill into a Law, and that he gave his assent to the last mentioned Bill.

The Bill for preventing Frauds and abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather, was again sent up to the Governor with the following answer from the Assembly to the Governor's Amendments, Viz^t :

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Which being considered, the Governor by the advice of the Board, returned the said Bill to the House, with a reply to their answer that he declined their Proposal, and adhered to his Second amendment.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday the 24th February, 1772.

PRESENT :

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c^a

William Logan,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Andrew Allen,	
Edward Shippen. Junr		

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills sent up by the Assembly for his Honour's Concurrence, entituled "An Act for the support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise on Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in the Collecting and paying the said Excise," And "An Act for Granting to his Majesty the sum of Four thousand Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned."

Which were read and Referred to further Consideration.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 29th February, 1772.

PRESENT :

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c^a

William Logan,	Benjamin Chew,	Esquires.
Richard Peters,	Edward Shippen, jun^r	
Lynford Lardner,	William Hicks,	

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Excise Bill, and having spent some time therein, it was referred, to be more fully considered on Monday next.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 2d March 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, Junior, } Esquires.
James Tilghman, William Hicks, }

The Excise Bill being again Considered, the following amendments were made thereto, and the Secretary was ordered to carry them to the Assembly with the Bill, and at the same time to acquaint the House that the Governor requested them to furnish him with a list of such Draughts and Certificates as are Intended to be discharged by the Bill.

Amendment 1st, Page 25. Antepenult line—after the word [Act] add the words [and during the space of ten years next following.]

2d. Page 36. Antepenult line—Dele the word [shall.]

3d. Page 37, line 3.—Dele the word [so.]

4th. Page 37, line 5. After the word [forfeiting] insert the words [the value of.]

5th. Page 37, line 5. After the word [aforesaid]—Dele the words [with the value thereof for every such offence.]

6. Page 37, line ult. After the word [time]—Dele the words [and if necessity requires to break open any Door of any House, Store, Shop, Cellar Vault or other Room of such Offender, to search for, discover and seize the Liquors so forfeited] and insert the words [into any House, Store, Shop, Cellar, Vault or other Room of such offender, the doors of which he shall find open, to search for, discover, Gauge and examine the Liquors aforesaid, and on the said Collector's request, to enter into any House, Store, Shop, Cellar, Vault, or other Room in the Possession of the Offender, the Doors of which he shall find Locked, bolted or otherwise fastened. If the said offender shall refuse or neglect to open such Doors, or to permit the Officer having such Warrant to search for, gauge and examine the Contents of any Casks or Vessels of Liquor in any such House, Store, Shop, Cellar, Vault or other Room, every such Person, for every such offence, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Twenty pounds.

7th. Page 40, line penult. After the first word [and] insert the word [by.]

8. Page 41, line 5. Instead of [always] say [also.]

9. Page 56, line 3.—Dele the words [repealed, null and void,] and instead thereof insert the words [and is hereby repealed, made null and void.]

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Tuesday the 3d March, 1772, P. M.

Two Members of Assembly again brought up the Excise Bill to the Governor, with a verbal Messuage that the house adhered to the Bill, and at the same time delivered to his Honour an Estimate of the Public Debts referred to therein.

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Eodem Die. P. M.

The Governor by the Secretary, returned the Excise Bill to the Assembly, with a verbal Messuage that he adhered to his proposed amendments.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 6th February, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, Andrew Allen, James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, Junior, William Hicks, } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board several Bills sent up by the House of Assembly for his Honour's concurrence, entituled as follows, to wit:

"An Act to dissolve the Marriage of George Kehmle of the City of Philadelphia, Barber, with Elizabeth, his wife, late Elizabeth Miller, and to enable him to Marry again."

"An Act to enable William Kembell, of the City of Philadelphia, Taylor, to hold lands, and to invest him with the Priviledges of a Natural Born Subject of this Province."

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act for the advancement of Justice, and more Certain administration thereof.'"

"An Act to enable the owners and Possessors of a Certain Tract of Meadow land situate in the Borough of Chester, in the County of Chester, to keep their Dams, Banks, Sluices and Flood Gates in Repair."

"An Act to enable the Commissioners therein named to Settle the Accounts of the Managers of a certain Lottery set up and drawn at New Town in the County of Bucks."

"An Act for explaining and better ascertaining the Boundary Lines of the County of Bedford."

"An Act to enable the owners of the lands called the Pidgeon Swamp, in the Township of Bristol, in the County of Bucks, to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch through the said Swamp, and to raise money to defray the Expence thereof."

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"An Act for Rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables and others acting in Obedience to their Warrants."

"An Act for the recovery of Legacies."

"An Act for the Recovery of divers sums of Money from the Persons therein named:" Which were severally read and considered, and the Secretary was ordered to return the seven first mentioned Bills to the Assembly, with a Verbal Messuage that the Governor gave his assent to them. The three last mentioned Bills were referred to further Consideration.

At a Council at Philadelphia, on Saturday the 7th March, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, junr. } Esquires.
Aeujamin Chew, William Hicks,
James Tilghman,

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills sent up by the Assembly for his concurrence, entituled

"An Act for granting to his Majesty the sum of Four thousand pounds for the purposes therein mentioned;" and

"An Act for emitting the sum of Two hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a fund for the payment of the Public Debts;" which were read and referred to a further Consideration.

The Board then Resumed the Consideration of the Bills entituled

"An Act for the Recovery of Legacies."

"An Act for the recovery of Divers sums of Money of the Persons therein named," and "An Act for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables and others acting in obedience to their Warrants," and the Secretary was Ordered to return them to the House, with a few amendments made to the first mentioned Bill, and a Verbal Messuage that the Governor gave his assent to the two others.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 9th March, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honorable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

William Logan, Benjamin Chew, } Esquires.
Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, junr.
William Hicks,

The Loan office Bill was again read and Considered, and the Board conceived it liable to several Material Objections, and that

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the number of amendments necessary to be made to the Bill in order to remove them, would occasion so great an alteration in its Frame that they thought it most adviseable for the Governor to return it to the Assembly, with a Messuage pointing out to the House his Objections to the Bill in General Terms.

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Tuesday, the 10th of March, 1772, A. M.

The Governor returned to the Assembly the Bill for emitting the sum of £200,000, in Bills of Credit on Loan, &c^a^, with a Messuage to the House in the Following Words, Viz^t^:

"Gentlemen:

"After mature deliberation on the Bill for emitting the sum of two hundred thousand pounds in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a fund for the payment of public Debts, I am sorry to acquaint you that I find it liable to such Objections as prevent my passing it in its present Form into a Law. Those Objections I at first intended to Communicate to you by way of amendments, but in attempting this, I found the necessary Alterations would make so very great a Change in the Frame of the Bill, that I rather chose to return it to you in this manner, with an assurance that I shall have no objection to the passing a Bill for the same purpose, provided the sum to be emitted be considerably less than what you have proposed, and the plan of it more Similar to Former Laws of this kind, the utility of which the People of this Province have had a long experience of.

"RICH^D^. PENN.

"March 10th, 1772."

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Wednesday the 11th of March, 1772, A. M.

Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor and again presented to him the Loan Office Bill, with the following Messuage from the House in answer to his Honour's Messuage of yesterday, Viz^t^:

"May it please your Honor:

"We have attentively Considered your Messuage relating to the Bill 'for emitting two hundred thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a fund for payment of the public Debts,' and as the objects of it are publick revenue, and the Improvement, Population, and Commerce of the province, we are sorry it should appear to the Governor liable to such Objections that he cannot pass it in its present form into a Law.

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"The House finding themselves under a necessity from the change which the Province has undergone by its late extensive Settlements, to deviate from the plan of Former Loan Office Bills, and desirous that the one under Consideration should meet with the Governor's Assent, spent much time in digesting its Form and adapting its several parts to the present local Circumstances of the People and their estates, adhering as much as reasonably might be to the Plans of Former Laws.

"In doing this they thought, and still think, that they had framed the Bill on the most eligible Plan.

"Under this opinion, they cannot but wish that the Governor had put in Practice his first intention of Communicating his objections to the House by way of amendment, or at least by Generally pointing out in his Messuage those principals of the Bill which he conceived to be improper for his assent. Either of those methods would have enabled the House to consider the objections which sibsist with the Governor, to have given them their due weight, and on a Concurrence of sentiments with him, to have either adopted his amendments or Framed a new Bill more suitable to Answer the Good purposes intended.

"But the Governor, we hope, will easily perceive the difficulty he lays us under, when he assures us 'that he shall have no objection to the Passing a Bill for the same purpose, provided the Plan of it be more similar to former Laws of this kind," without particularly pointing out his Objections or informing us in what parts he would wish it to be 'more similar,' and thereby leaving it an impossibility for us to discover the reasons of his Dissent.

"We thank the Governor for the Assurance he gives us that he 'shall have no Objections to the passing a Bill more Similar to former laws of this kind,' and we hope the same good disposition will induce him to reconsider the Bill sent up, and either pass it into a Law, or be more explicit in Communicating his Objections.

"Signed by Order of the House.

"JOS. GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*

"March 11th, 1772."

The same Committee also delivered to the Governor an address from the Assembly, in these words, Viz^t^:

To the Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania.

The Address of the Representatives of the Freemen of the said Province.

"We, the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, having received repeated Complaints against Charles Jolly, Esquire, one of the Justices of

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the Peace for the County of Philadelphia, charging him with divers misdemeanors and corrupt Practices in his public Offices, and heard the Witnesses and Proofs in his presence, as well for as against him, and being fully convinced that, regardless of the Important trust reposed in him by Government for the Safety of the People, and influenced by an avaricious and Corrupt Disposition, he hath greatly Oppressed divers of his Majesty's Subjects in the said County, by issuing Original Process, and thereupon, and Execution without finding any Debt due, or passing judgement in a case where he had no Jurisdiction, in granting Warrants and proceeding to Judgements and executions against one person for the Debt of another, in entering judgement against the Party without hearing him, or giving him an Opportunity of being heard, and in Marrying Persons without any Publication of the Bans of Matrimony, contrary to Law.

"Firmly persuaded your Honour is Sensible that the Respect due to Government, and upon which its Authority and the Security of the rights of the Subject greatly Depend, cannot be well maintained by Men exercising its executive Powers, without either abilities or Integrity, we intreat the Governor to remove the said Charles Jolly from his Offices of Judge of the Common Pleas and Justice of the Peace.

"Signed by Order of the House,

"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, Speaker.

"March 11, 1772."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 12th March, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters,
Edward Shippen, jun^r^ } Esquires.
William Hicks,

The Assembly's Messuage of Yesterday was read, and a Draught of a Messuage in answer thereto, being prepared, was laid before the Board and approved.

The Messuage was immediately transcribed and sent to the House by the Secretary, with the Loan Office Bill. The Message follows in these words, Viz^t^:

"Gentlemen:

"As I sincerely wish to promote the real Interest and welfare of the Province, so I would readily and chearfully concur with you in any Measure which I conceived might effect so desirable a Purpose. When I communicated to you by my last Message the Terms on which I was willing to pass a Loan Office Bill, I imagined I had

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been sufficiently explicit in pointing out my principal Objections to the Bill before me, so as to enable the House to frame another within the compass of any short and reasonable amendments which might appear necessary. I am, however, very willing to give you the satisfaction you desire, of explaining myself further on the subject.

"When I proposed for your Immitation the Plan of former Loan Office Laws, by which one General Loan Office was established at Philadelphia, under the direction of Trustees named in the acts, I meant to signify my Disapprobation of such a total Deviation from them as the Establishment of Offices in the several Counties, and the manner of appointing Trustees by the Commissioners of the Counties, in Conjunction with any three Justices of the Peace, a Measure which appears to me Liable to many great Inconveniencies. And as a great part of the Bill relates to the duty of such Trustees, my amendments to it, had I proceeded in that way, would of course have been very numerous.

"Besides these Objections to the General Plan of the Bill, I think it proper to mention another of no less Consequence; I mean the manner of Providing for the Succession of the joint Treasurers and Trustees, in Case of Death or Resignation, which appears to me very exceptionable, in excluding the Governor from a Share with the Assembly in the appointment of the new Trustees.

"If Gentlemen, you should, on further Consideration, concur with me in these sentiments, and think proper to Frame a New Bill conformable thereto, I shall with pleasure agree to pass it into a Law.

"RICHARD PENN.

"March 12th, 1772."

The Governor at the same time sent to the House by the Secretary an answer to their address, in the words following, Viz^{t}:

"Gentlemen:

"I shall take such notice of your address Requesting the removal of Charles Jolly from his offices of Judge of the Common Pleas and Justice of the Peace, as I hope will prove satisfactory to the House.

"RICHARD PENN."

"March 12th, 1772."

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Bill entituled "An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of four thousand Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned," and the Governor returned the same to the assembly by the Secretary, with a Messuage in these words, vizt:

"Gentlemen:

"As you have made the Bill, 'for Granting to his Majesty the sum of four thousand Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned,'

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dependant upon that for altering and extending the excise laws, when you thought proper to drop the one by rejecting my proposed amendments, you put it out of my power to pass the other. I must therefore request that you would Consider of some means to raise the necessary supply for his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Province.

"RICHARD PENN.

"March 12th, 1772."

Then were read the three following Bills, sent up yesterday to the Governor by the Assembly, entituled

"An Act for the relief of such Persons as conscientiously scruple the taking of an Oath in the Common Form."

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act against adultery and Fornication;" and

"An Act for confirming the Estate of Adam Simon Kuhn, in and to a Certain Lot of Ground, with the Buildings thereon, in the Borough of Lancaster, one of the Title Deeds whereof is lost,"—and there appearing to the Board no objection to either of them. The Governor returned them to the House by the Secretary, with a verbal Messuagé that he gave his assent to them.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 14th March, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Edward Shippen, Junior,

The Governor laid before the Board three Bills sent up by the Assembly for his concurrence, entituled

"An Act for Erecting a part of the Counties of Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton, and Bedford, into a Separate County."

"An Act for the safe keeping and preserving the Records and other Public papers of the County of Bucks," and

"An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of Philadelphia, and the County of Bucks."

Which were severally read and Considered, and it was ordered that they should be returned to the Assembly by the Secretary, with several Amendments made to the first mentioned Bill, and a Verbal Messuage to the House that the Governor gave his Assent to the two others.

The Governor acquainted the Board that the Assembly had again sent up to him the Excise Bill, and the Bill for Granting £4000

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Pounds to his Majesty's Service, with a Messuage in Writing, which he laid before the Board, and it follows in these words, Viz^t:

"May it Please your Honor:

"In the Begining of this Sitting, the House finding it necessary to provide for paying the arrears of the public Debts and Supplying his Majesty's Troops in their Quarters, prepared two Bills for those purposes. One of them for raising the money by extending and making the Excise on Spiritous Liquors more Equal; the other granting to His Majesty Four Thousand Pounds out of the Bills to be emitted by the first for Supplying the Troops in their Quarters. These were sent up for the Governor's Assent, but he was Pleased to propose amendments to the first, which, on mature Consideration, the House could by no means admit, and adhering to their Bill, they again sent it up to the Governor for his further Consideration, in hope that its importance to His Majesty's Service and the Province, with the reason and equity on which, in all its parts, it was founded, would prevail on him to pass it into a Law.

"As the House was Sincerely disposed to concur with the Governor in every Measure tending to the Public Welfare, and particularly in Granting the necessary supplies to his Majesty, it gave them Real Concern to find, on the return of the Bill, that he had rejected it by adhering to his proposed amendments.

"Thus matters respecting this Bill have rested until your Message of this day, requesting that 'we will consider of some means to raise the necessary supplies for his Majesty's Troops.' Upon which we beg leave to Observe, that Continuing in our former Sentiments respecting the Bills rejected by the Governor, we know of no means of Complying with his desire so proper as that of putting it once more in his power to pass those Bills into Laws, which we do, by again Submitting them to his candid Consideration.

"Signed by order of the House.

"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*

"March 12th, 1772."

It is agreed to postpone the Consideration of the Message till Monday next, when a more full Board may be convened.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 16th March, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor.

Richard Peters,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Lynford Lardner,	Andrew Allen,	
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Junr.	

The Governor laid before the Board the Message he received last week from the Assembly with the Excise Bill, with a Draft of a Message he had prepared in answer thereto.

Which follows in these words, Vizt:

"Gentlemen:

"When in my last Messuage to the House, I requested that you would consider of some means to raise the Supplies necessary for the support of his Majesty's Troops quartered within this Province, I did not expect that you would again have returned to me the Bill for 'extending and making the excise on Spiritous Liquors more equal.' However, since you have thought proper, in so particular a manner, to recommend it once more to my Consideration, I shall not decline bestowing on it such further attention as it may Require.

"I have no doubt of your being perfectly Convinced that this Bill is in all its parts founded in reason and Equity, and that it is of Great importance to the Service of the Crown and the Welfare of the Province. At the same time, give me leave to assure you that, upon the most deliberate Consideration, I can at present discover no cause to apprehend that this Bill, under the amendments proposed, would answer all its purposes less effectually than if it should continue in its Original Form.

"This is at present my Candid unbiased opinion, and I cannot willingly recede from my amendments, unless the House, by communicating the reasons upon which they have formed their Judgment, may happily correct mine. As I realy wish to promote the welfare of the Province, so far from declining to receive information upon any occasion relative to this Important End, I hope the House will do me the Justice to believe that I shall ever be ready to pay a proper Regard to it.

"RICHARD PENN.

"March 16th, 1772."

The said Message being read and approved of, the Secretary was directed to Transcribe the same and deliver it to the Assembly in the afternoon.

The Governor also laid before the Board two Bills which had been sent up to him by the Assembly for his concurrence, entituled as follows, Vizt:

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"An Act for confirming the Estate of John Pawling and others, in and to Certain Lands in the County of Philadelphia;" and

"An Act for the relief of William Faries and others, Languishing prisoners in the Goals of Philadelphia and York Counties, with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons," which was read and referred to further Consideration.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday the 18th March, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Lynford Lardner,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Junr.	
James Tilghman,		

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Bills entituled "An Act for confirming the Estate of John Pawling and others, in and to Certain lands in the County of Philadelphia;" and "An Act for the Relief of William Faries and others, Languishing prisoners in the Goals of Philadr. and York Counties, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons," and the Secretary was ordered to return them both to the House, with two small amendments made to the first mentioned Bill, and a Verbal Message that the Governor gave his assent to the other.

The Governor laid before the Board a Message he received yesterday from the Assembly, in answer to his Message of the 16th Instant, which was read, and follows in these words, Viz.:

"May it please your Honour:

"When we last sent up to your Honour the Bill 'for extending and making the Excise on Spirituous Liquors more equal,' we did not apprehend we acted a part disagreeable to your Inclination, But were induced so to do from the intimation in your former Message attending the Bill for granting to his Majesty £4000, that we had, by 'dropping the one, put it out of your power to pass the other.' After your Honor had rejected this first-mentioned Bill, by adhering to your amendments, we conceived that, according to the strict rules and usage of Parliament, it was 'drop'd' by your Honour's own act, not ours. Yet to set matters in their Proper Light, and to prevent any inconveniencies which might arise from a mistaken apprehension in your Honor that we had 'drop'd' the Bill, we thought it necessary to wave those rules, under an expectation founded in your Message, that his Majesty's service and the Good of the Province would be sufficiently prevalent to induce you to enact it into a Law. And it is with pleasure we find that you have not, by your last Message, deprived us of that hope.

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"Your Honor is pleased to inform us that you 'have no Doubt of our being perfectly convinced that this Bill is, in all its parts, founded in Reason and Equity,' and at the same time to assure us 'that upon the most deliberate Consideration, you can at present discover no cause to apprehend, under the amendments proposed, it would answer all its purposes Less effectually than if it should continue in its original Form,' upon which we beg leave to observe that, as the Bill is intended to Raise the revenues of the Province, and to enable us to Grant necessary aids to His Majesty, If, under those amendments, it would not answer all its purposes more effectually, we cannot conceive why your Honour should reject it, especially as it cannot, with propriety, otherwise be said to be amended.

"However, as your honour is further pleased to intimate that you cannot willingly Recede from your amendments, unless the House, by Communicating the Reasons upon which they have formed their Judgment respecting 'the Reason and Equity of the Bill,' may happily Correct your Honors, And as we are sincerely desirous to obtain a Measure of such Public Consequence, we shall chearfully endeavour to do it. The Bill, in the Part to which your Honor's proposed amendments relate, renders Spirituous Liquors Imported by Persons for their own Consumption, and drawn without entry, Subject to forfeiture, and their Houses liable to search, in the day time, upon its appearing to a Magistrate, on Oath made, that the importer has drawn such Liquors without entry. Now we apprehend it both Reasonable and just that such Persons who will be so dishonest as to defraud the Government of those Revenues which are necessrry to its support, and Consequently to their own safety and Protection, can merit but little Favor, and deservedly ought to incur a forfeiture of the Goods. And when we considered that the duty is not to arise on the Importation but on the Draught for Consumption, and hence, that any person Importing may suffer his Liquors to remain by him for years in his Vault or Cellar, and of Course not enter but conceil them during the time of Drawing, we know of no mode so Proper to detect and to prevent Frauds, as to vest the officer with a power, on Good Cause of Suspicion, to search for the Liquors so drawn Contrary to the Intent of the Act.

"In this we did not proceed without Precedents set before us, both by the British Parliament and preceding assemblies. In several statutes for preventing Frauds in collecting the Revenue in Great Britain, we find the like and more severe provisions and penalties. By the Act of Assembly passed in the 31st of his late Majesty, the officer held the like power without any oath made or Warrant Issued, and by the Excise law now in force and extended by the Bill before your Honor, there have been for many years, and still are, severe penalties and Restrictions laid on Retailers, than are by this Clause on the Importers for their own Consumption. In the act for raising County Rates, and the several acts for granting aids to the Crown, to be sunk by a land Tax, the Houses of

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every Inhabitant of this Province, and the most secret parts of them, are liable to be broke open and entered in case of Non-payment of the assessment on a Precept from the County Commissioners; besides, to subject the numerous Retailers within this Province to an entry of their Houses without oath or Warrant, as is declared in a part of the Bill to which your Honor makes no objection, and at the same time to exempt from such Entry, tho' upon Oath and Warrant, and impose a Penalty only on a few Importers for an equally Injurious Breach of the Law, would in our opinions, be such a Deviation from the Rules of Equity and Impartiallity, that we cannot think it justifiable to adopt.

"It is with much pleasure that we receive the Governor's Assurance that he 'wishes to promote the Welfare of the Province, and that he is so far from declining to receive Information on any occasion Relative to that important end, that he hopes we will do him the justice to believe that he shall ever be Ready to pay a proper regard to it,' as it induces us to hope, after these Reasons and Precedents offered to his Consideration, in favor of so important and necessary a Bill, he will pass it without further Hesitation.

"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*

"March 17th, 1772."

The Governor thereupon declared to the Board that, though he continued of the same mind with respect to the Reasonableness and propriety of his Amendments to the Exercise Bill, he should now consent to pass it as it stands; and the Secretary was directed to Carry it down to the Assembly, with the Bill for granting Four thousand pounds to his Majesty's use, and to acquaint the House that the Governor agreed to Enact them both into Laws whenever they should be presented to him for that Purpose.

Two Members of Assembly then waited on the Governor and presented to him a Message from the House, which was read at the Board, and follows in these Words, Viz^t:

"May it please your Honor:

"Having spent much time in forming the Loan Office Bill, on such principles as we apprehend, would secure the solidity of the Funds and Credit of the Bills, and at the same time give to all the Counties an Equal opportunity of participating in the benefits to arise from the Loans, we thought we had performed that part of our duty on a Plan the Local Circumstances of the Province considered the most unexceptionable. But as we find ourselves, notwithstanding, so unfortunate as to differ in Sentiments with the Governor on the subject, and as he might otherwise be a stranger to the reasons and motives of our Conduct in this particular, we think it necessary to Communicate them, so far as they relate to objections mentioned in his last Message.

"In our Estimation, this Bill is one of the first Consequence to the Public Interest and Welfare. We expected by it greatly to

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advance the Improvement, Population and Commerce of the Province, besides raising on the People in the most easy and eligible manner, a Considerable Revenue. These important Objects in view, and earnestly desirous to accomplish them, we first debated and fully considered a Bill brought in on the Plan recommend by Your honor, of Former Loan Office Laws. In these 'the establishment of Offices in the several Counties' were omitted, and the Legislature Contented themselves with instituting only one in Philadelphia; nor were more necessary to the Infant state of the Province, when it consisted of four Counties only. The People and their Settlements were confined within a Narrow Compass; the Trustees from the Neighboring Counties could attend their duty, and the borrowers procure the money and make their annual Payments with little Trouble and expence, on the days appointed. But, upon applying this Plan to the Present Circumstances of the Province, so essentially varying from those which existed at the time it was adopted, and taking into our Consideration the addition of five new Counties, the great extent of their Settlements, the Distance of their Inhabitants from the City, the Difficulties, Trouble, and expence which their Trustees in attending their Duty, and their People in procuring the Money and making their Annual Payments, would incur, it appeared to us, that adhering to the form of the old Bills in Establishing but one Office, and that in Philadelphia, would operate in a great measure to exclude the People who were particular Objects of the Bill, and as many of them are indebted to the Proprietaries for Lands, stand most in need of its aid from a participation in the Benefits to arise from the Loans. From these Inconveniences, however calculated those Laws might be to the situation of the Province at the time they were formed, it seemed to us necessary, in our present Bill, so far to deviate from them as to put the five new Counties in a Capacity to partake of the Loans, in common with the rest of the People. To effectuate a purpose so desirable and just, we knew of no mode so adequate as that of instituting an 'Office in the several Counties.' If, then, an Office in each County is Necessary, impartially and extensively to diffuse the advantages to be derived from the Loans, and it be just (which your Honor does not seem to Controvert) to oblidge the Several Counties to the payment of their Respective Deficiencies, which might Arise from defective Titles and want of Value in the Estates mortgaged, we thought it also but Reasonable and just that the People on whose property those Deficiencies were to be Levied, should have a Share in the appointment of the Trustees who were to judge of the Validity of those Titles and that Value. Nor were we apprehensive that 'Great inconveniencies,' if any, would arise from 'Vesting the Power of appointing them' in the Commissioners of the 'Counties, in Conjunction with any three Justices of the Peace,' as in this, as well as in constituting an Office in each County, we did not Materially deviate from that Policy which the Legislatures

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of neighbouring Colonies, whose Circumstances are, in the point before us, Similar to those of this Province, have for the like reasons, thought proper to adopt. Thus your Honour will perceive, that if we have deviated from old Forms, we have followed more applicable Precedents of a Modern date, which have met with his Majesty's Royal approbation.

"We assure the Governor, as he has been pleased to intimate that he has no Objection to a Loan Office Bill, it is with real concern we find that we have failed in Obtaining his Concurrence in a measure of so much Public importance, on a Difference in Sentiment respecting the Form.

"But after the unusual length of our sitting, we must content ourselves with thus explaining the Reasons which moved us to fix on the Present Plan of the Bill, in hope that on Consideration of them they will have their due Weight with the Governor.

"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*.

"March 17th, 1772."

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Friday 20th of March, 1772, A. M.

Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor, and acquainted him that the House, intending to adjourn to-morrow, requested he would be pleased to appoint in the meantime two Members of Council to join with two Members of Assembly in Comparing the Engrossed Copies of the Bills which have been agreed to with their Originals; His Honor reply'd that he would Comply with their Request.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 20th March, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor &c.

Benjamin Chew, } Esquires.
Edward Shippen, jun^r. }

The Governor laid before the Board a Bill entituled "An Act for laying out Roads and highways within this Province," which was read, and it being found to contain a Clause repealing that part of an Act of Assembly passed in the 12th year of the Reign of William the third, entituled "An Act to Impower the Justices in each County to Lay out and Confirm all Roads except the King's Highways and Public Roads, which impowers the Governor and Council to lay out public roads in this Province, it was returned to

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the House by the Secretary, with a Message that the Governor could not agree to pass it into a Law.

Then was Read and Considered a Bill entituled "An Act for the Relief of Richard Stephens with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person, which was agreed to and returned to the House with the Governor's assent.

A Committee of two Members of Assembly then waited on the Governor, and presented him for Concurrence two Bills entituled "An Act for Confirming the Estate of Samuel Phipps in and to Certain Lands in the Township of Goshen in the County of Chester;" and "An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of Rebecca Vanakin with a Certain John Martin, and for other purposes therein mentioned," both which was read, and there appearing no objection to the first mentioned Bill, it was returned to the Assembly with the Governor's assent, and the latter was refered to for further Consideration To-morrow.

The same Committee acquainted the Governor that the House proposed to adjourn to the 18th of May next, if His Honour had no objection thereto, and also Requested the Governor would be pleased to appoint a time for passing the Bills for which he had given his assent. The Governor answered that he had no Objection to their proposed Adjournment, and that he should be ready to pass the Bills at 12 o'Clock to-morrow.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 21st March, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Lynford Lardner,
Benjamin Chew,
Edward Shippen, jun^r.
James Tilghman,
Andrew Allen,
} Esquires.

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Bill for declaring and making void the Pretended Marriage of Rebecca Vanakin with a Certain John Martin, &ca., and the Secretary was directed to deliver a Verbal Message to the Assembly, that the Governor thought proper to keep it under Consideration till their next sitting.

Council Chamber, Saturday 21st March, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Edward Shippen, Mr. Allen, and the Secretary, having Compar'd the several Engrossed Bills with their Originals and found them

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to agree, The Governor sent a Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, requiring their attendance, that he might enact into Laws the several Bills which had received his assent. The House accordingly attended, and the Speaker presented to the Governor twenty nine Bills, which His Honour enacted into Laws, and signed a warrant for affixing the Great Seal to them. The Laws were afterwards Deposited in the Rolls Office, and are entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"An Act for the support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon wine, rum, Brandy, and other Spirits more Equal, and preventing Frauds in the Collecting and paying the said Excise."

"An Act for vesting a certain tract of 450 acres of Land, situate in Frederick township, in the County of Philadelphia, commonly called the Perkioming Copper mine tract, in trustees to be sold, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the Public Roads and highways within this Province."

"An Act for the sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to sesure such Goods to the Person destraining the same, for the better security of Rents, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act to prevent Frauds and abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather."

"An Act for regulating Chimney Sweepers within the City of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, and the Township of the Northern Liberties."

"An Act for Preventing Frauds and Perjuries."

"An Act for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, for the purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act to enable William Kemble of the City of Philadelphia, taylor, to hold lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural born Subject of this Province."

"An Act for the recovery of divers sums of Money from the Persons therein Ment^d."

"An Act for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their office, and for indemnifying Constables and others in acting in Obedience to their Warrants."

"An Act to enable the Commissioners therein named to settle the accounts of the managers of a Lottery, set up and drawn for repairing the meeting House, and building or repairing the House for the Residence of the Minister of the Presbeterian Congregation of Newtown, in the County of Bucks, and to sue for and Recover such sums of money as remain due and unpaid on account of the said lottery."

"An Act to enable the owners of ye Lands called the Pidgeon Swamp, in the Township of Bristol, in the County of Bucks, to

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dig, maintain, and keep open a ditch through the said Swamp, and to raise money to defray the expence thereof."

"A Supplement to the act entituled 'An Act for the advancement of Justice and more Certain administration thereof."

"An Act for explaining and better ascertaining the Boundary lines of the County of Bedford."

"An Act for the more easy recovery of Legacies."

"An Act to enable the owners and possessors of a Certain Tract of Meadow Land, situate in the Borough of Chester, in the County of Chester, to keep their Dams, banks, Sluices, and flood-gates in good Repair."

"An Act to dissolve the Marriage of George Kehmle, of the City of Philadelphia, Barber, with Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Miller, and to enable him to Marry again."

"An Act for confirming the Estate of Adam Simon Kuhn, in and to a Certain lot of Ground in the borough of Lancaster, one of the Title Deeds whereof is lost."

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act against adultery and Fornication.'"

"An Act for the Relief of such persons as Conscientiously Scruple the taking of an Oath in the Common Form."

"An Act for erecting a part of the Counties of Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton, and Bedford, into a Separate County."

"An Act for raising a fund to pay the damages done by Dogs in the City and County of Philadelphia, and the County of Bucks."

"An Act for the safe keeping and preserving the Records and other Public papers of the County of Bucks."

"An Act for the Relief of William Faries, John Gillard, Charles Hicks, and John Reynolds, languishing Prisoners in the Goal of Philadelphia, and William Bennet and Felix M'Cowan, languishing prisoners in the Goal of York County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."

"An Act for Confirming the Estates of John Pawling, Joseph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler, and Andrew Heiser, in and to Certain lands in the County of Chester."

"An Act for Confirming the Estates of Samuel Phipps, in and to Certain Lands in the township of Goshen, in the County of Chester."

"An Act for the Relief of Richard Stephens, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person."

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Tuesday 24th March, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

James Tilghman, } Esquires.
William Hicks, }

The Law having past on Saturday last, for erecting a part of the Counties of Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton, and Bedford, in a Separate County, called Northumberland County, and it being judged proper that a General Commission be issued without Delay, appointing Justices of the Peace, &c., in the same, After due Consideration, the following persons were agreed on to be the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Northumberland, and Commissionated Accordingly, Viz^t:

William Plunket,	Benjamin Allison,	Esquires.
Turbut Francis,	Robert Moody,	
Samuel Hunter,	John Loudon,	
James Potter,	Thomas Lemmon,	
William Maclay,	Ellis Hughes, and	
Caleb Graydon,	Benjamin Weiser,	

At the same time, the Governor was pleased to appoint William Maclay, Esquire, to the Several Offices following, in the County of Northumberland, by three Separate Commissions, under the Great Seal of the Province, &c., Viz^t: Prothonotary or Principal Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Clerk or Register of the Orphans' Court, and Recorder of Deeds.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 13th April, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

William Logan,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Andrew Allen,	
Edward Shippen, jun^r,		

The Governor laid before the Board the Transcripts of four Records of Conviction, by which it appears that at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, held at Chester, for the County of Chester, on the twenty-third day of March last, before William Allen, John Lawrence, and Thomas Willing, Esquires, Justices of the Supream Court and of the said Court of Oyer and Terminer, Patrick Kennedy, Thomas Fryer, Neal McCariher and James Dever, were Respectively Convicted of a Rape, committed on the thirtieth day of November last, upon the Body of a Certain

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Jane Walker, in the Township of Thornbury, in the said County, and each of them had received Sentence of Death for the same.

The said Records being taken into Consideration, and the said Justices having Recommended the three last Mentioned Criminals as Objects of Pity and Compassion, the Governor was pleased to grant them a Reprieve during his Pleasure. And the Judges of the said Court having Reported no favourable Circumstances in behalf of the said Patrick Kennedy, The Governor directed that a Warrant be issued for his Execution on Saturday the 2d day of May next. The reprieve and Warrant were accordingly made out, and dispatched with a letter of Instructions to the Sheriff of Chester County next day.

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MEMORANDUM, the 15th of April, 1772.

Joseph Galloway, Esquire, having acquainted the Governor that he had lately received a Threatning Letter from a person unknown, and requested his Honor to issue a Proclamation offering a Reward of one hundred pounds for apprehending the author of it, and a Pardon to any of his Accomplices who should inform against him, The Governor this day Issued a Proclamation in the words following, Viz^t:

"*By the Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, Information hath been made to me, that on the Fourth of this Instant, in the Evening, a Letter was left with Joseph Sellers, Blacksmith, living near the five mile stone on the Road leading from Philadelphia to Chester, by a person in Company with two or three others travelling towards Darby, with request that he would send it to Joseph Galloway, Esquire, of which Letter the Following is a Copy.

"Mr. JOSEPH GALLOWAY."

"I stand in need of 50 pounds & desire you would not fail to let me have it against the 10 of this month, by leaving it Close behind the 5 Mile Stone between Philadelphia & Darby. I shall pay you in a year with Interest. Sir I shall pay you to a day. N. B. If you dont leave it you shall sorely repent it in a few days and wish you had left it; you shall be sure of it again. From a

"CHESTER COUNTY MAN.

"April ^y 2, 1772."

"Directed to Mr. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, Esqr These.

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"And Whereas, Public Justice requires that such Dangerous Practices should be discouraged, and that the author of the Said Letter and his accomplices should be discovered and brought to condign Punishment, *I have* thought fit, with the advice of the Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby offering a Reward of one hundred pounds to any person or persons who shall make known the writer of the said Letter, and any of his accomplices, so that they be Convicted thereof; *And* for the better discovering the Principal Offender, *I do* hereby promise a Pardon to any one of the Persons concerned with him who shall inform against him, so that he be prosecuted to Conviction.

"Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the fifteenth day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, and in the twelfth year of his Majesty's Reign.

"RICHARD PENN.

"By his Honor's Command.
"Joseph Shippen, Junr. Secretary.
"GOD SAVE THE KING."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday the 27th of April, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, Junior, } Esquires.

It being judged necessary to make some additions & alterations in the Commission of the Peace for Philadelphia County, after due Consideration, a List of Persons was prepared at the Table, including such as were thought proper to be continued, as well as several others proposed and Recommended as fit and qualified to execute the Duty of Magistrates, who were approved of and agreed on to be the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, and a General Commission was issued accordingly, Vizt:

James Hamilton, Thomas Cadwallader, Joseph Turner, James Tilghman, William Logan, Andrew Allen, Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, Jr. & Lynford Lardner, William Hicks, Richard Peters, } Esquires, Members of the Proprietary and Governor's Council.

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and Isaac Jones,	John Allen,	Esquires.
Samuel Ashmead,	James Young,	
Samuel Mifflen,	John Gibson,	
Jacob Duche,	John Potts,	
Samue Shoemaker,	John Moor,	
William Parr,	Thomas Rutter,	
Archibald McClean,	James Deimer,	
John Bull,	Samuel Potts,	
George Bryan,	George Clymer,	
Frederick Antes,	Samuel Irwin,	
James Biddle,	Lindsay Coats &	
Alexander Edwards,	Charles Bensel.	

It was also agreed, that the three following Gentlemen be continued Justices of the Peace and Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, by three Special Commissions, in order to accommodate them in their offices of Notary Public, by enabling them to take the acknowledgments of Deeds, &c^va^ Viz^t^:

James Humphreys,
Mathew Clarkson,
Peter Miller.

The Governor also directed the Secretary to make out a Commission of Notary and Tabellion Public for Mr. John Ord, and a Special Commission appointing him a Justice of the Peace and Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, in order to enable him to take the acknowledgments of Deeds.

The Governor laid before the Board a Return and Draught of a Road from the Southermost line of the land Belonging to the Estate of William Masters, deceased, to the old Germantown Road, laid out, surveyed and Returned into the Provincial Secretary's Office, pursuant to an Order of Council of the 16th of November last, and there appearing no objection to the said Road as laid out, The Board on due Consideration thereof, are of opinion that the same ought to be confirmed, and the said Road is accordingly by the Board adjudged to be forever hereafter a Public Road or King's Highway. It is therefore ordered, that the Supervisors of the Highways for the township of the Northern Liberties, do with all Convenient speed, cause the same to be cleared and opened of the Breadth of Sixty feet, according to the course set forth in the said Return, which follows in these words, Viz^t^:

"*To the Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esq'r., Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and to the Hon'rble Council:*

"Pursuant to the anexed Order of the President and Council of the said Province, We, the Subscribers, do hereby Report and Certify that we have Carefully viewed and examined the Ground be-

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tween the Southermost line of the Land belonging to the Estate of William Masters, deceased, where the Old Public Road leading from the North end of Fourth Street terminates and the Germantown road; and being of opinion that a road Extended from thence in a strait line to Germantown Road, will be of Great Utility and Convenience to the Public, have accordingly laid out the same: Begining at the end of the said old Road, and thence extending through the said Land in one direct Course, North thirteen degrees and an half, east one hundred and Seventy perches and eight-tenths of a Perch to the Germantown Road, a draught of the Survey whereof is hereunto annexed; And we conceive that, if the said Road be opened accordingly and Confirmed as a King's Highway, it will be attended with less Expence and more Convenience to the Public, as well as greater benefit to the owner of the Ground thro' which it passes, than if laid out and opened in any other manner.

"Witness our hands, the 13th day of April, 1772.

"EDWD. DUFFIELD,
"LUKE MORRIS,
"JOS. HOX,
"JACOB LEWIS,
"JONA. EVANS."

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The 4th of May, 1772.

MEMORANDUM.

The Governor was this day pleased to appoint Samuel Powell and Henry Hill, Esquires, Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, by two Special Commissions.

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19th May, 1772.

Upon the Recommendation of the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, in favor of William McClay, Esquire, The Governor was this day pleased to issue a Commission appointing the said William McClay Clerk of the Peace and of the Court of General quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County.

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The 19th June, 1772.

MEMORANDUM.

Isaac Hicks, Esquire, having been Recommended by the Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the

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County of Bucks, as a Proper person to execute the Office of Clerk of the Peace, The Governor was this day pleased to issue a Commission appointing the said Isaac Hicks Clerk of the Peace and of the Court of General quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of Bucks.

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New Castle, Wednesday June 10th, 1772.

The Governor having by appointment with the Assembly, attended here this day, a Committee of the House waited on him with a Messuage, acquainting him that the House had met the first Instant, pursuant to their adjournment, and requested to know if the Governor had any Business to lay before them; to which his Honour made answer, that he had not any thing at present to recommend to them, but was now Ready to take into Consideration such Bills as they had prepared for his perusal and Concurrence.

New Castle, Saturday the 13th of June, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters,
Benjamin Chew, } Esquires, Members of Council.
James Tilghman,

The Assembly having, since the Governor's Attendance at this place, sent up to him for his Concurrence fourteen Bills which they had prepared during their Present sitting, they were severally read and duly Considered, and a few amendments being made to some of them, to which the Assembly having for the most part acceded, they were all returned to the House, with Messages that the Governor agreed to pass thirteen of the said Bills into Laws, but having great Objections to the Other Bill, which is entituled "An Act to oblige the Justices of the Peace to hear and determine actions of Debt under the Value of forty shillings ex-officio," he could not give his Assent thereto.

The thirteen Bills which received the Governor's assent, are entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"An Act for restraining and preventing Lotteries."

"An Act for vesting the State House and other Public Buildings with the Lot of ground whereon the same are erected, together with other Ground Situate in the Town of New Castle, in Trustees for the use of the Public."

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"An Act for aiding the Discontinuance of the Process of the Supream Court in the County of Sussex."

"A Supplementary Act to an Act entituled "An Act for regulating Elections and ascertaining the numbers of the Members of Assembly."

"An Act for repairing and keeping up the Causeway adjoining the Creek called the Mother Kill, in Kent County."

"An Act to prevent Swine Running at large in the town of Dover."

"A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled 'An Additional Supplementary act for the amendment of an Act of General Assembly of this Government, entituled 'An Act for the better regulation of the in New Castle County, &c."

"An Act for the more effectual draining and improving the Marsh, Cripple and Lowland on little Creek in Dover, and Little Creek hundreds in Kent County."

"An Act for the better regulating the Wharfs, public streets, Buildings, party walls, and partition Fences, in the Borough of Wilmington, in the County of New Castle, upon Delaware, and for raising Money on the Inhabitants of the said Borough for the Public use and Benefit thereof."

"An Act for the Relief of James Kain, a languishing Prisoner in the Goal of New Castle County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his person."

"An Act for the appointing and Constituting David Hall, Esquire, a Trustee of the General Loan Office in Sussex County."

"An Act for the embanking and draining the Marshes on Black bird's Creek, in New Castle County."

"An Act for establishing the market in the Town of New-Ark, and for regulating the same."

The Governor having acquainted a Committee of Assembly, who waited on him in the Evening to know when and where he would be pleased to pass the Bills, that he should be ready to receive the house for that purpose at his Lodgings, whenever it was most Convenient to them. The Speaker and the whole house soon after attended accordingly, and Presented the thirteen Bills above mentioned, which the Governor Enacted into Laws, signed a Warrant for affixing the great Seal to them, and directed the Secretary to accompany two Members of Assembly to see them sealed and deposited in the Rolls office.

The Speaker then Presented to the Governor Orders on the Trustees of the Loan Office for £100, for which his Honor returned the House his Thanks.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday June 20th, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, jun.

The Governor laid before the Board a Transcript of a Record of the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held for the County of Philadelphia, by which it appears that John Thomas was convicted of Burglary, and had received sentence of Death for the same. The Matter being taken into Consideration, the Governor Observed that the Judges had not Recommended the said Criminal as an object of Mercy, nor reported any Circumstances in his Favor.

It was, therefore, the Opinion of the Board, that the Sentence of the Court should be executed against him on Saturday the 4th day of July next, and the Governor directed a Warrant to be issued for that Purpose accordingly.

Then was read the Transcript of a Record of the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in York County, by which it appears that Thomas Ross was convicted of a Robbery on the Highway, for which he had received Sentence of Death. The Board taking this matter into Consideration, were of opinion that, as the Judges had not reported to the Governor any Favourable circumstances respecting the said Criminal, the Sentence of the Court against him ought to take place, and the Governor accordingly directed a Warrant to be issued for his Execution on Saturday the 11th day of July next.

The Board taking into Consideration the Petition of Hugh Rippey, who was convicted (at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in Cumberland County) of Counterfeiting and passing Dollars, and the recommendation of Several of the Magistrates and other reputable Inhabitants of the same County, representing him as an Object of Mercy and Compassion, advised the Governor to Grant the said Hugh Rippey a Pardon, which the Secretary was accordingly directed to Prepare.

Mr. Tilghman laid before the Board a Letter he had received yesterday from Mr. Charles Stewart, dated Easton, the 17th Instant, acquainting him with a Message he had received from Garret Brodhead, Esquire, that a Considerable number of Connecticut people were now forming a Settlement on the Proprietaries' Manors at Shoholy and Lechawaxin, and other places on the River Delaware, within this Province. The said Letter being read and Considered, the Governor, by the advice of the Council, directed that a Proclamation be immediately drawn and published, commanding those intruders, in his Majesty's name, to evacuate their illegal Settlements, and to remove from the Proprietaries' lands without delay, and also

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forbiding all persons whatsoever, to intrude upon or settle any lands within this Province without the express Permission of the Proprietors of this Government.

The Secretary presented to the Board a return and Draught of a Road laid out pursuant to an Order of Council of the eighth of November, 1769, on the line dividing the lands of Richard Vandyke and Peter Rambo from the land of John Holmes, in the township of Lower Dublin, and there appearing no objection to the said Road as laid out and returned by the Viewers,

The Board, on Due Consideration thereof, do hereby confirm the said Road, and adjudge the same to be forever hereafter a part of the King's Highway which leads from Philadelphia to Bristol.

It is, therefore, Ordered by the Board, that the Supervisors of the Highways for the Township of Lower Dublin, do forthwith Cause the said Road to be Cleared and opened of the Breadth of Fifty feet at least, according to the Courses mentioned in the said return, which follows in these words, vizt:

"In obedience to the annexed order from the Governor and his Council, We the subscribers, have carefully viewed the Ground along the line dividing Richard Vandyke's and John Holmes' Land, and find that, as to the Ground a good Road may be conveniently made along the said line. But if we extend the new Road only from the Oxford Church Road to the end of Vandyke's line, it will not strike the old road as now laid out, but there make a sudden turn, which we apprehend, in a Road so much used, will be of Great Disadvantage to the Public, but if we extend the said New Road the same strait Course as far as Pennypack Mill Race, it will there strike the old Road. We therefore, for the Reasons above, and with Consent of Peter Rambo, the owner of the land whereon the whole of the new Road runs, with all Submission return the same for Public use as follows, and according to the Plan hereunto annexed, Viz^{t}: Beginning at a marked white oak standing on the West side of the Mill Race, and on the North side of the Bristol Road; thence by a line of marked trees, dividing the Land of John Holmes from the land of Peter Rambo and Richard Vandyke, South sixty-eight degrees fifteen Minutes, West Three hundred and fifty-two perches, to a corner on the South side of the said old Bristol Road, and East side of a Road leading from Oxford Church to the River Delaware; and recommend the same to be fifty feet wide, and to be laid out altogether on the Lands of Peter Rambo and Richard Vandyke, along the line of John Holmes' land.

"WILL SARR,
"JOS. REDMAN,
"WM. ASHBRIDGE,
"LEONARD SHALLCROSS."

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 21st August, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Junior,	

The Governor laid before the Board a Petition from John Durkee, a Prisoner in the Goal of Philadelphia, Setting forth that he was Indicted for a Riot on the Lands at Wyoming, at the Sessions for the County of Northampton, in April 1770, and from September following has been closely Confined in Goal;

That some time afterwards he was sued for a large sum of Money due to a Gentleman in New York, with whom he has now Compounded and obtained a discharge from his suit; that he has a Wife and Children in Connecticut, who are in Great distress, occasioned by his imprisonment, &c., and therefore humbly praying Relief by means of a Nolle proseque or otherwise, &c.

The said Petition being read and Considered by the Board, it was their opinion that, in Consideration of the Prisoner's long Confinement, and that he has now obtained a discharge from his Creditors, at whose suit he has hitherto been detained in Prison, as well as at the suit of the Crown, a Noll Proseque should be entered on the Indictment and the Petitioner be discharged from his Confinement, which the Governor accordingly directed to be done.

MEMORANDUM, the 15th September, 1772.

Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor and acquainted him that the House had met pursuant to adjournment, and desired to know if his Honor had any Business to lay before them; to which the Governor replied that he had nothing at present to Recommend to their Consideration, but as soon as any thing occurred he would communicate the same to the House by a Message.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, in the Council Chamber, on Saturday the 19th day of September, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Junr.	
James Tilghman,		

Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor and presented him a Bill entituled "An Act for the Support of the Govern-

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ment of this Province and payment of the Public Debts," which being read at the Board, the Governor sent a Verbal Message to the House by the Secretary, Requesting them to furnish him with a list of the Draughts and Certificates intended to be paid off and discharged by that Bill.

The Governor laid before the Board a Bill which he had Retained since the last sitting of the Assembly, entituled "An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of Rebecca Vanikin with a Certain John Martin, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and after due Consideration thereof, the Board advised the Governor not to pass it into a Law.

Mr. Fox and Mr. ———, Members of Assembly, then Brought up to the Governor a List of the Public Debts referred to in the Bill for the Support of Government, which was read over, and follows in these Words, Viz^t:

Incidental Expences for the Year 1772.

To Benjamin Franklin, Esquire, Agent for the Province in London, his Salary for the Present Year £500 Sterling.

	£.	s.	d.
To William Allen, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Province, - - - - -	200	0	0
To John Lawrence, Esquire, one of the Judges of the Supream Court, - - - -	150	0	0
To Thomas Willing, Esquire, Do., - -	150	0	0
To Joseph Galloway Esquire, for Extra Services,	75	0	0
To Do., the Balla. of his Account for wood for the House, - - -	13	8	9
To Andrew Allen, Esquire, Attorney General, -	75	0	0
To Joseph Fox, Esq., for his Services on the Committee of Accounts, 22 days, at 10 s. p. diem, -	11	0	0
To Samuel Shoemaker, Esquire, for do , 3 days,	1	10	0
To Samuel Rhoads, Esquire, for do., 20 days, -	10	0	0
To Michael Hilligas, Esquire, for do., 22 days, -	11	0	0
To Abel James, Esquire, for do., 21 days, -	10	10	0
To Isaac Pearson, Esquire, for do., 19 days, -	9	10	0
To Mr. Charles Moore, for his attendance as Clerk of the Assembly, and for Transcribing and engrossing of Laws, Votes of Assembly, Messages, &c.,	225	0	6
To Joseph Shippen, Esquire, his Salary as Clerk of the Council, - - - -	30	0	0
To ditto, for Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations, &c., and for Stationary for the Governor & Council,	15	18	10½
To ditto for Indian Expences, - - -	3	14	7½
To Joseph Fox, Esqr, his Salary as Barrack Master,	60	0	0
To William Bowsman, his Salary as Ditto, for Lancaster County, - - - -	20	0	0

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	£.	s.	d.
To Abel Evans, for his Services as Assistant Clerk,	15	0	0
To Benjamin Lightfoot, Esqr. for his Services and disbursements in viewing, &c., the Waters of the Susquehanna and Schuylkill, as p. Account, -	28	7	5
To John Sellers, Esqr. for his Services and disbursements on the same duty, as ℘ Acc^t. - -	20	12	10
To Samuel Rhoads, Esqr. for Sundry Expences, &c., for the same Service, as p. Acc^t. - - -	18	8	4
To Mr. David Rittenhouse, for making Instruments for the use of the Committee for the above Service,	15	15	0.
To ditto, for his Attendance 6 days with Samuel Rhoads, Esqr. on the above Service, - -	3	0	0
To Edward Duffield, for his Care, &c., of the state house Clock, - - - - - -	23	0	0
To Messrs. Hall and Sellers, for printing Laws, Proclam^t. &c., as p. Acct^s. - - - -	233	10	6
To ditto, for his acc^t. of Stationary for the use of the House, and delivered to Mr. Charles Moore,	7	8	1½
To Mr. Henry Miller, for Printing Votes, &c.,	69	14	0
To Robert Erwin, for Halling Earth into the State House Yard, - - - - - -	7	4	4
To Lawrence Shiney, for do., as ℘ account, -		17	4
To Robert Erwin, for 20 Chords Hickory Wood for the Assembly, - - - - - -	30	0	0
To Andrew McNair, for his Attendance as Doorkeeper to the House, 80 days, at 4 s. p. d^y. - -	16	0	0
To ditto, for his Account for cleaning the State House, &c., - - - - - - -	8	0	9
To ditto for disbursements, &c., for Indians, from 11 April, 1772, to 31 August, both Inclusive, as p^r acc^t.	18	7	4
To William Shed, Sergeant-at-Arms, - -	10	0	0
To ditto, as Doorkeeper to the Council,- - -	4	15	0
To Michael Coon, for Sawing Wood for State House,	3	0	0
To William Parvis' Acc^t. for Recording sundry Laws,	25	5	6
To Edmund Physick's acct., - - - -	18	3	0
To Henry William Stiegel, a Gratuity for his Flint Glass Manufacture, - - - - -	150	0	0
To the Overseers of the Poor, for Support of French Neutrals, - - - - - -	100	0	0
To William Shed, Searjant-at-Arms, for services to theHouse, - - - - - -	1	0	0

The Governor then sent down to the house, by the Secretary, the Bill for declaring and making void the Pretended Marriage of Rebecka Vanakin with a Certain John Martin, &c., with a Verbal Message that he now returned that Bill, which he had held under advisement since the last sitting of the House, and upon the most

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mature deliberation, he could not think it proper to pass it into a Law. At the same time his Honor Returned the Bill for the Support of Government and Payment of the Public Debts, with his Assent.

Soon after, two members of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Message, Requesting to know when it would be agreeable to his Honor to receive the House, in order to pass the Bill which he had agreed to; to which the Governor answered that he was now ready to receive the House for that purpose, if it was Convenient to them. The whole House thereupon attended in the Council Chamber, and the Speaker presented to the Governor the Bill for the Support of the Government and payment of the Public Debts, which he enacted into a Law, and Signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal thereto, and the Secretary was directed to accompany two members of Assembly to see that the said Law was Sealed and deposited in the Rolls office.

The Speaker then acquainted the Governor that the House agreed to allow £25 to be given by his Honor as a present to Keyashuta, the Seneca Indian Chief, now in town on a visit to the Government.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 5th October, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honorable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

William Logan,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Andrew Allen,	
Edward Shippen, jun^r.		

The Governor laid before the Board the returns of Sheriffs & Coroners for the County's of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks, Lancaster, York, Berks, Northampton, New Castle, and Kent, which being duly Considered, the following persons were appointed and Commissionated as the Sheriffs and Coroners of their Respective Counties, Vizt.:

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Names of Counties.	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriff's Sureties.
Philad^a City & County,	Sheriff,	Judah Foulke,	
	Coroner,	Caleb Cash,	
Chester,	Sheriff,	Henry Hayes,	John Sellers.
	Coroner,	John Crosby, jr.,	John Jackson.
Bucks,	Sheriff,	Richard Gibbs,	John Kidd.
	Coroner,	James Wallace,	Joseph Ellicott.
Lancaster,	Sheriff,	Frederick Stone,	Ludwick Stone.
	Coroner,	Samuel Boyd,	Casper Singar.
York,	Sheriff,	Samuel Edie,	Robert Mc Pherson.
	Coroner,	Joseph Adlum,	David M Cannaughy
Berks,	Sheriff,	George Nagle,	Christo'r Whitman.
	Coroner,	Isaac Levan, jr.,	Jacob Kern.
Northampton,	Sheriff,	Peter Kachlein,	Casper Dull.
	Coroner,	Peter Seip,	Harman Snyder.
New Castle,	Sheriff,	John Thompson,	
	Coroner,	Joseph Stedham,	
Kent,	Sheriff,	John Cook,	
	Coroner,	Caleb Furby,	

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Tuesday the 6th of October, 1772.

MEMORANDUM.

The returns of the Sheriffs and Coroners for Cumberland and Sussex Counties, being now made, the Governor appointed and Commissionated the following Persons as Sheriffs and Coroners for their Respective Counties, vizt:

Cumberland,	Sheriff,	Ephraim Blaine,	Robert Callender,
	Coroner,	Samuel Laird,	James Blaine,
Sussex,	Sheriff,	Peter Robinson,	
	Coroner,	David Train,	

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 9th October, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honorable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &ca.

William Logan,	Lynford Lardner,	Esquires.
Richard Peters,	James Tilghman,	
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, jun^r.	

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter he had just received from Sir Ralph Payne, Captain General and Governor of the Leeward Islands, which was read and follows in these Words, vizt:

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"Sir:

"It is with the most poignant Concern that I acquaint you, that on Monday the 31st day of August last, it pleased the Almighty to visit this, and all the other Islands of my Governments, with a Huricane more violent and dreadful than perhaps ever before happened in the Memory of man, and unparralled (I believe) in its Effects by any Recorded in the annals of History. The scene of Ruin and Desolation which this Event has laid, as well over the Face of the Country as in all our Roads and Harbours, where most if not all the shipping has perished, cannot be described to you; but the terrors of the storm are Scarcely Superior to the Misery of its Consequences, and among the other dreadful Shapes in which these have already appeared, is the Malencholy Prospect of an Approaching Famine, unless this Terrible disaster is averted by the early arrival of Provisions from the Continent of America. The Legislature of this Island have come to the Resolution of dispatching Vessels Immediately to the Neighbouring Collonies from whence such Succour may be expected, and it is upon this account, Sir, that I trouble you at Present, as I persuade myself that you will not only very Sincerely simpathize in our distress, but will Contribute your best Assistance to relieve it, by making our Necessities Known throughout your Government, and by promoting a Commerce with us at this time, which is Immediately and indispensably essential to our very Existance.

"It will be a very alleviating Circumstance to my Concern, while I Contemplate the Calamitous state of my own Government, to hear that the unparalleled ferocity of the late Tempest in the Leeward Islands, has not extended so far Northward as Philadelphia; but that your Government, Sir, with the rest of his Majesty's American Collonies, has been preserved from the Desolating Hand of a Destiny, whose Vengeance will long Continue to be felt and deplored, when its immediate Terrors are past away and buried in Oblivion.

"I hope you will forgive this Trouble, and be perswaded of the very sincere Pleasure which I shall enjoy in Co-operating with you, Sir, at all Seasons and upon all Occasions, for the Service of our most Excellent Sovereign, as well as in testifying to you by every Opportunity, the very high esteem and Respect with which I have the honor to be,

"Sir, your very faithful and most
"Obedient humble Servant,
"RALPH PAYNE.

"Antigua, September 14th, 1772."

The Board taking the said Letter into Consideration, were of opinion that the request therein Contained should be Complyed with without the least delay, by notifying to the Publick by a Proclamation the distressed Situation of his Majesty's Subjects in the

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Leeward Islands, Occasioned by the late dreadful Hurricane, and warmly recommending it to the Merchants and others of this City and Province to afford them assistance and Relief, by dispatching Vessels with Provisions and such other articles as were necessary to supply their immediate Wants. A Draught of a Proclamation was drawn at the Table and ordered to be published in the Publick papers, and it follows in these words, Viz^t^:

"*By the Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, his Excellency Sir Ralph Payne, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over all his Majesty's Leeward Charibbee Islands in America, by his letter of the fourteenth of September last, hath informed me that on Monday the thirty-first of August last, it pleased the Almighty to visit the Island of Antigua, and all the other Islands of his Government, with a Hurricane, more violent and dreadful than perhaps ever before happened in the Memory of Man, and (as he believed) unparalleled in its Effects by any Recorded in the Annals of History; That the scene of Ruin and Desolation which that event had laid, as well over the face of the Country, as in all their Roads and Harbours, where most if not all the shipping had Perished, was not to be described; but that the Terrors of the Storm were Scarcely superior to the Miseries of its Consequences, and among the other dreadful Shapes in which those already appeared, was the Melancholy Prospect of an approaching Famine, unless that terrible disaster was averted by the early arrival of Provisions from the Continent of America; that the Legislature of the said Island of Antigua had come to the Resolution of dispatching Vessels to the neighbouring Collonies, from whence Such Succour might be expected; and on that account, he hath been pleased to request of me that I would Contribute my best assistance to relieve their Distresses, by making their Distresses known throughout my Government, and be promoting a Commerce with them at this time, which is immediately and indispensably Essential to their very Existence. *Wherefore*, being most sincerely affected with the Distresses of our fellow Subjects in the said Islands, and anxious that no time may be lost in relieving them from their Calamitious Situation, I have thought proper, by the advice of the Council, to Issue this Proclamation, not only to make their necessities known to the Good People under my Government, but most earnestly to Recommend it to them, and more particularly to the Merchants and Traders, to give immediate assistance to the afflicted Inhabitants of the said Islands, by dispatching Vessels there with

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other Necessaries have already sailed, and more will soon be ready to depart from this Port for those Islands, the House have no doubt but the unhappy Sufferers will be relieved, and the Good intention of Sir Ralph Payne's Letter effectually answered by those means.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 23d November, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Benjamin Chew, } Esquires.
James Tilghman, }

The Governor laid before the Board the Transcript of two Records of Conviction, by which it appears that at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal delivery, held at Philadelphia for the County of Philadelphia, Michael Magary and Thomas M'Feteridge, both of the said County of Philadelphia, Labourers, were severally tried for and Convicted of Felony and Burglary, and have each of them received Sentence of death for the same. The said Records being taken into Consideration, and the Jurors having petitioned the Governor in Behalf of each of the above-mentioned Criminals, and recommended them as proper Objects of Mercy, his Honour, with the advice of the Board, was pleased to order a Pardon to be made out for each of them, under the Great Seal of the Province.

Then was read the Transcript of a Record of the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held in New Castle County, by which it appears that John Keener, of the said County of New Castle, was tryed for and convicted of Felony and Burglary, and hath received Sentence of Death for the same; but the Governor of the said Court having recommended him to the Governor for Mercy, His Honor, with the advice of the Board, was pleased to order a Pardon to be made out for him also, under the Great Seal of the Province.

At a Council held at Philadelphia on Thursday 26th November, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honorable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

William Logan, Richard Peters, } Esquires.
James Tilghman, }

Joseph Peepy, and another Delaware Indian came to Town last week, from the Ohio, with a Message from Netattwallaman, or new

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Comer, Chief of the Delawares on the Ohio, which Jo Peepy delivered to the Governor, with a String and Belt of Wampum, on the 19th Instant, in the following words, Viz^t:

"Brothers and Friends:

"I have been often told that there is a great King over the Great Waters.

"Brothers and Friends:

"I am ready to go over the Great Waters to see that Great King. Now Brother Governor and Friends, I desire you to prepare a Ship for me next Spring. I am your Brother and I am your friend, and I hope we shall soon be united together."

The Governor having since taken the said Message into Consideration, returned the following answer thereto, by the advice of the Council, Viz^t:

"Brother Netattawalaman:

"I received Your Message by Jos. Peepy, and have considered it well. I have been looking over what past between us last Spring was twelve Months. You then mentioned to me the same business you have now repeated by Jos. Peepy; You may remember I then told you that Sir William Johnson was appointed by the Great King, my Master, to confer with and advise all our Brethren, the Indians, in any matters of Importance; all Indians know this Well. I then recommended you to go to him and Inform him of your Intentions of going over to England to see the Great King, and tell him what you had particularly to say to him. You have not informed me by Jo. Peepy, whether you follow'd my advice in going to Sir William, and if you did, what passed between him and you. When I hear this I shall be better able to Judge of this Important Matter, and give you my Sentiments and advice thereon; at present I can only once more request, if you have not already been to Sir William Johnson, that you would go to him and lay this matter before him to consider of, and know his mind thereon, before you determine to go over Sea. When you have done this, I shall be ready to hear what you may have further to say to me, and do every thing in my power to please and Serve you in this or any other affair."

Delivered a String of Wampum.

"Dear Brother Governor:

"I have considered very well at my Council Fire of what you said in your answer to the Message I sent you by Killbuck, respecting my design of going over the Great Waters to see the Great King, and I cannot agree to what you then recommended to me of going to Sir William Johnson to consult him upon that Business. You know there was formerly a Council Fire established at Philadelphia by our forefathers, where we have always been since used to do all our Business with our Brethren the English; and I do not think it necessary at this time for me to give myself the Trouble of

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going to Sir William Johnson to talk with him about my going to England; for I can much better step on Board of a Ship here at Philadelphia.

"Brother Netattawallaman:

"Since I delivered my Message to Jo. Peepy in answer to yours by him, Jo. tells me that you have not followed the advice I gave you last Spring was twelve months, to go to Sir William Johnson and consult him on your Intention of going over Sea to see the Great King.

"Brother:

"You and all the Indians know well it has been told you at all the late Treaties, that the Great King has appointed Sir William Johnson Superintendant of all Indian Affairs, and that all business of any Importance between the King and the Indians, was to be laid before him; I am, therefore, much surprized you have not followed my advice in going to Sir William, and informing him of your Inclination to go over Sea to visit the Great King and talk with him.

"Brother:

"It is long since I gave you this advice; You have had sufficient time to go there and hear his Sentiments, and know his mind; I cannot think what reasons you can have for not going to him.

"Brother:

"I know very well that our Brother Onas and all our United Brethren the Indians, kindled a Great Council Fire at this Place, where all Business was to be transacted between us. I know also, and you should remember, that when any Business was to be done, it was to be by all the tribes of Indians united with the six Nations, and with their Approbation and Consent; They were all linked in one Chain of Friendship, and Brother Onas with them. Nothing was to be done without the Knowledge of the General Indian Council. You cannot, therefore, my Brother, expect that I can comply with your request in providing a Ship to carry you to England to see and talk with our Great King 'till Sir William has been informed of it, and has Consulted your Uncles, the Six Nations, at their Great Council Fire. If I did so, I should break one of the Strongest links of the Chain of Friendship, and the Solemn treaties entered into between me and all the Indians, they would be very angry with me, and blame me much for doing so.

"Brother:

"I must further inform you that I have lately received a letter from Sir William Johnson, informing me that he has instructions and orders from the Great King, his and my Master, to Transact all Business of Importance with the Indians, excepting that of fixing and regulating the Trade, which is left to me to manage; that he expects when any Indians apply to me on any other Business, I shall send them to him.

"Brother:

"As this is the true state of the Case, I cannot, I dare not, interfere with the Great King my Master's Orders. I cannot Provide

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a Ship to carry you and your Companions to England to see and talk with the Great King without Sir William's being first informed of your intentions; It would not only be a breach of trust in me to my King and Master, but, as I have said, it would be a Breach of That faith and Friendship entered into between me, the good people of this Province, and the Indians of all the six united Nations. Let me therefore, my Brother, recommend it to you in the strongest terms, to go to Sir William Johnson and lay your intentions before him and know his mind thereon."

Delivered a Belt of Wampum.

The Governor, as a token of his affection for New Comer, sent him the following articles by Jos. Peepy, vizt:

	£.	s.	p.
2 yards of Scarlet Broad Cloth for a Stroud, at 16s. ℔ yard, - - - - - - -	1	12	0
2 yards of Blue Strouds at 10s. per do. - -	1	0	0
7 yards of Fine Linnen, at 2s. 9p. per do. - -	0	19	3
16 yards of Broad Silk ferretting, at 4d. per do. -	0	5	4
2 Scarlet Caps, at 2s. 3p. - - -	0	4	6
And 2 pair leggins which were got at the State House,	4	1	1

And to Joseph Peepy and his Companion, the Governor gave as follows, Viz^t: to Jos. Peepy:

	£.	s.	d.
1 Indian Blanket, [cost] - - -	0	11	6
1 Striped Cap, do. - - -	0	1	6
3¼ yards of fine linnen, do. at 2s. 6d. p. yrd -	0	8	9
And one oznabrigs shirt, 1 pair of Shoes, and one pair of Leggins, which were got at the State House, - -	1	1	9

To Jos. Peepy's Companion:

	£.	s.	d.
1 Indian Blanket, [cost] - - - -	0	11	6
1 Striped Cap, do. - - - - -	0	1	6
3¼ yards of fine linnen, do. 2s. 6 ℔ yd. - -	0	8	9
And 1 Oznabrigs Shirt, 1 pair of Shoes, and one pair of Leggins, which were got at the State House, - -	1	1	9

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MEMORANDUM.

The Governor sent to New Comer by Jos. Peepy, a Copy of both his answers to the foregoing Messages delivered by Jos. Peepy.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 12th December, 1772.

PRESENT:

The Honorable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, jun^r. } Esquires.
James Tilghman,

The Governor laid before the Board a Transcript of a Record of Conviction, by which it appears that at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery held at Chester, for the County of Chester, Henry Phillips, late of the said County of Chester, Labourer, was tryed for, and Convicted of Felony and Murder, (committed on the Body of a certain Richard Kelley,) and hath received Sentence of Death for the same; and the Justices of the said Court having acquainted the Governor that no favourable Circumstance appeared in the Course of the whole Tryal to Induce them to recommend the Criminal to him as an object of Mercy, his Honor with the advice of the Board, Ordered a Warrant to be made out for his Execution on Saturday the 26th of December Instant.

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MEMORANDUM, the 5th of January, 1773.

Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Verbal Message, acquainting him that the House were met pursuant to adjournment, and desired to know if his Honor had any Business to lay before them, to which the Governor Replied, that he had no particular matter now to Recommend to their Consideration, but as soon as any Occurred he should communicate the same to the House.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 11th January, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor.

Richard Peters, Benjamin Chew, } Esquires.
James Tilghman,

The Secretary laid before the Board three Petitions from divers Inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia, and Counties of Chester and Lancaster, which were Severally read, setting forth that since the return of Survey of a Certain Public road or King's high way, Laid out from the middle ferry, on Schuylkill, to the sign of the Ship upon the Conestogoe Road, and from thence to the Village of

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Strasburg, in the County of Lancaster, and the Confirmation of the same on the 10th day of November, 1770, it has been discovered that some Errors were committed in the return of the Courses and Distances of the said Road, one of which Errors is in the first of the said Petitions pointed out to be thus, Viz^t: The return of Survey, after mentioning "a White Oak standing fourteen perches from the Southermost part of John Sellers's Mill race," describes the next course to be, "thence North Seventy-three degrees, West eleven hundred and forty-four perches," when in fact, the true distance to the Spot to which that course was run and measured, is Eleven hundred and eighty-four perches, and is so called in the Field notes of the Surveyor, taken at the time of Survey; that by reason of this mistake, the whole Course of the Road will be altered from the place where this Error was Committed, and instead of passing over ground which is proper and Convenient for making a good Road, It would lead over a broken, Hilley Country, very Improper for that purpose; and therefore, praying the Board would be pleased to Order John Morton, John Sellers, Jacob Lewis, James Webb, Joseph Fox, and Daniel Williams, or some of them, to resurvey the said Road, and Correct any Errors that may appear in the Return of Survey which they before made of the same, or to direct such other Measures as shall appear to them more proper, to rectify those mistakes.

A Petition (or Remonstrance) from six of the Free holders of Chester County, was likewise read, setting forth several Objections to the above mentioned road as it stands Confirmed, besides the mistakes that have been made by the Viewers in their return of Survey thereof; and therefore, praying this Board "to appoint a sett of Impartial Gentlemen, not only to review the Crooked Road already laid out by the sign of the Ship, but also to view the Ground nearly on a line from the Corporation Ferry to Gravenor Marshes or Strasburg, and that if it should appear to the Reviewers that a road can be had nearly on a line, that would be more advantageous to the Public than the Former, they may have leave to lay out one there."

The Board proceeded to take the said Petitions into Consideration, but as none of the Petitioners nor the Gentlemen who laid out the Confirm^d. Road were present, It was Ordered that the further Consideration of this matter be postponed till the fourth day of February next, and that the Secretary give the Several Parties Notice to attend this Board on that day, to be then fully heard on the Subject of their respective Petitions.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 23d January, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Benjamin Chew, James Tilghman, Lynford Lardner, } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills sent up to him by the House of Assembly for his Honour's Concurrence, entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"An Act for emitting the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a fund for the payment of Public Debts;" and "An Act for making Perpetual An Act entituled 'An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province,'" which were both read, and referred to further Consideration.

At a Council held at Philadelphia on Wednesday 27th January, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, Benjamin Chew, James Tilghman, Andrew Allen, } Esq^rs.

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Bill entituled "An Act for emitting the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a fund for the payment of Public Debts," to which the following amendments being made and agreed to, the Secretary was ordered to carry the same to the House of Assembly with the Bill:

Page 13, line 12. After the Surname [Moore], insert the words [and Amos Strettle].

Same page, line 12, 13. Dele the words [Benjamin Jacobs, of the County of Philadelphia].

Page 36, last line. Instead of [on], say [an].

Page 37, line 10. After the word [from], insert the words [all arrearages of the Proprietors' quit rents and].

Same pa., last line. Instead of the word [thence], insert the word [thenceforth].

Page 59, line 8. After the word [the], insert the words [Governor and].

Same pa., line 10. Dele the word [who], and instead thereof insert as follows: [unless such neglect, refusal, Death, or removal,

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shall happen at a time when there may be no Lieutenant Governor appointed to this Province, in which case, and not otherwise, some other fit person or persons shall be appointed by the Assembly, and the said Trustee or Trustees so to be appointed.]

Page 60, line 9. After the word [the], add the words [Governor and].

Then was also considered the Bill entituled "An Act for making perpetual An Act entituled 'An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Elections of this Province,'" and there appearing no Objections to the same, it was ordered to be returned to the Assembly, with a Verbal Messuage that the Governor gave his assent to it.

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Thursday 28th January, 1773.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and again brought up the Loan Office Bill, with an answer to His Honour's amendments, wherein the House agreed to them all, proposing only to make one alteration in the 7th amendment by striking out the words [appointed to], and instead thereof inserting the words [residing in]; and the Governor taking the same into Consideration, and having no Objection to the said Proposal, immediately returned the Bill to the Assembly by the Secretary, with a Verbal Message that he agreed to the proposed alteration of the s^d^ amendment.

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Friday, the 29th January, 1773.

The Governor, by the advice of the Council, sent to the Assembly the following Message by the Secretary, who at the same time laid before the House two Petitions from the Inhabitants of Bedford County, to which the Message refers:

"Gentlemen:

"I think it incumbent upon me to inform you that the late evacuation of Fort Pitt, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, hath greatly alarmed the Inhabitants of this Province settled beyond the Allegheny Mountains, who have been used to look upon that Fortress as their Safeguard against the Incursions of the Indians.

"I have received from the People in that quarter several Petitions (which I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you) expressing their Apprehensions, of the dangerous situation to which they are reduced, and praying from Government a suitable Relief.

"Upon the receipt of these Petitions I wrote to General Gage by Express, requesting the Continuance of a small Garrison at that

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Post, at least 'till the Meeting of the Assembly; But the General was of Opinion that the Execution of his Orders was too far advanced to be countermanded, Nor did he seem to think it Expedient for him to have continued any of the Troops there, had my letter been in time. It cannot be doubted but that the late Military Establishment at Fort Pitt, did very greatly Contribute to the rapid Population of the Country beyond the mountain, and that the withdrawing the King's Troops must of course not only depress the Spirits of the Present Settlers, but retard the progress of the Settlement.

"I perswade myself that you will view the safety and protection of that Extensive and Flourishing district as an object of General importance, and worthy of the Public attention; And as it appears to me that the most proper, and indeed the only assistance which can be afforded these people, is the supporting a small Garrison at that Post or Place, I find myself under the Necessity of applying to you to enable me to carry that Measure into Execution.

"RICHARD PENN.

"January 29th, 1773."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 4th February, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieu' Governor, &c.

Benjamin Chew,
James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Andrew Allen,

This Day being appointed by order of Council of the 11th of January last, for the Consideration of the Petitions then laid before the Board, representing that some Errors had been made in the return of survey of the Public Road laid out from the middle ferry on Schuylkill, to the sign of the ship upon the Conestogoe Road, and from thence to Strasburg in Lancaster County, which had been by an Order of Council of the tenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy, approved and Confirmed, and praying that the Persons who laid out the said Road, may be ordered to re-survey the same and correct any errors that may appear in their said Return, The several Gentlemen who laid out the said road, as well as the Petitioners against it, in pursuance of notice given them by the Secretary, did this day attend the Board, and were severally heard. The Board thereupon, taking the said Petitions into their serious consideration, are of opinion that the several mistakes which have been made in the return of the said Road ought to be rectified; and it is therefore ordered that Joseph Fox, Jacob

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Lewis, Daniel Williams, John Morton, John Sellers, and James Webb, or any four of them, do re-examine and compare the courses and distances of the said Road, mentioned and set forth in their return thereof to the Governor and Council, dated the fifteenth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy, with their Field works taken at the time of their laying out and running the same, and Correct by their Field-works any error or errors that they may have made in their said Return; and if necessary, to review and remeasure any part of the said Road so as aforesaid by them laid out, and make a new return and Draught of the whole Road, with such Errors and Mistakes Corrected, to the Governor and Council, for their further Consideration.

The Governor having received from the Assembly a Written Message in answer to his Message of the 29th Ultimo, laid the same before the Board. The Message was read, and follows in these words, Viz^t^:

"May it please your Honour:

"We have taken into our Consideration your Message of the 29th Ulto., respecting "the apprehensions of the Inhabitants of this Province, settled beyond the Allegheny Mountains, of the Dangerous situation they are reduced to by the evacuation of Fort Pitt," and request that your honour would acquaint us whether, from any Hostile Transactions or other Circumstances, Government has reason to believe that there is a disposition in the Indians to Violate the Solemn Treaties which have been repeatedly made and ratified between them and his Majesty's Colonies, and hitherto so well observed. And also, that you will be pleased to lay before us all Treaties or Intelligence lately held with, or received from the natives, to enable us to judge of their Temper, and the most proper measures to preserve that Harmony with them which is of the highest importance to the prosperity of the Province.

"Signed by order of the House.

"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*

"Feb'ry. 3d, 1773."

A Committee of two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor in Council, and presented to him for his concurrence two Bills, entituled:

"An Act appointing the Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and

"An Act for preserving the Navigation in Shearman's Creek, in the County of Cumberland, and to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the same;" which were laid before the Board, and referred for Consideration To-morrow.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 5th Febr'y, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,

A Member of Council having prepar'd a draught of a Message in reply to the Assembly's Message of the 3d Instant, the same was read and approved, and the Secretary was directed to Transcribe it, and carry it to the House in the afternoon, the Message follows in these words, Viz^t:

"Gentlemen:

"My Message to you of the 29th of January, respecting the Propriety of keeping up a small Garrison at Fort Pitt, was not founded on any Certain Intelligence that the Western Indians had immediate designs of Committing acts of Hostility against us. The petitions now before you demonstrate that the Inhabitants of our Frontier have considered that post as their principal security against Indian Incursions, and an Assylum in Case of a sudden attack, for their Women and Children; the evacuating it has therefore filled their minds with Fears and apprehensions. When I consider, Gentlemen, the unspeakable sufferings and distress which attended those unhappy People and their Families, who were settled on the Western Frontier in the last Indian War, which was as unexpected as it was unprovoked, I confess I cannot help being greatly affected, and do not wonder that they now apply to Government for some Assistance to protect them against the like Calamities in future, and altho' there may be no prospect of a speedy renewal of Hostilities on the part of the Indians, it may yet be good policy to guard in time against the worst that can happen, especially as the Measure Proposed will be attended with no great expence to the Public; A Garrison of 25 or 30 men to keep possession of that Important Place, being perhaps sufficient for the Present. These reasons induced me at first to lay the matter before you as an object worthy of your attention, and have still so much weight with me, that I think myself obligated again to recommend it to your serious Consideration.

"RICH'D PENN.

"February 5th, 1773."

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Bill for preserving the Navigation in Shearman's Creek, &c, and one amendment being made to it, it was ordered to be returned with the same to the Assembly.

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The Bill appointing Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia was then in part Read and Referred to further Consideration.

The Governor having received a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Northern parts of Lancaster and Berks Counties, praying that those parts may be erected into a new County, The Secretary was directed to carry the same to the Assembly, and to acquaint them that, as his Honor Conceived that Petition ought rather to have been addressed to the House than to him, he therefore thought proper to lay the same before them for their perusal and Consideration.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday the 11th February, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &ca.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, Andrew Allen, }

The Board resumed the consideration of the Bill for appointing Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia; and a few amendments being made to it, the Bill was ordered to be returned with the same to the Assembly.

The Governor then laid before the Board five Bills sent up by the Assembly for his concurrence, entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"An Act for erecting part of the County of Bedford into a seperate County."

"An Act for regulating vendues in the City of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, the Townships of Moyamensing and the Northern Liberties."

"An Act to enable the persons therein named to hold Lands, and to invest them with the Privileges of Natural born Subjects of this Province."

"An Act for confirming the Estate of William Martin, in and to a certain Tract of Land in the Township of Charlestown, in the County of Chester."

"An Act for making perpetual the Act entituled 'An Act for laying a duty on Negroes and Molatto Slaves imported into this Province, and laying an additional duty on the said Slaves."

The first mentioned Bill was read and Considered, and being approved, was ordered to be returned to the House with the Governor's assent. The other four Bills were in part considered and referred for further Consideration.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 17th February, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, jun^r. }

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Bill for regulating Venders, &c^a. and several amendments being made to it, the Bill was ordered to be returned with them to the Assembly.

Then were also re-considered three Bills, entituled "An Act for making perpetual the act entituled 'an Act for laying a duty on Negroes, &c.'"

"An Act to enable the persons therein named, to hold Lands, &c^a." and "An Act for confirming the estate of William Martin, &c," which being approved, the Secretary was directed to return them to the Assembly, with a Verbal Message that the Governor agreed to them, and would be ready to pass them into Laws whenever the House shall present them for that purpose.

A Member of Council acquainting the Governor that a new Commission was wanted for the tryal of Negroes in Lancaster County, his Honour was pleased to direct that a Commission be accordingly made out, appointing Emanuel Carpenter and Isaac Sanders, Esquires, Justices for holding Courts for the Tryal of Negroes in the said County.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, Monday 22d February, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c^a.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,

The Governor laid before the Board four Bills sent up by the Assembly for his Concurrence, entitled as follows, vizt.:

"An Act to erect a new Gaol, Work-house, and House of Correction in the City of Philadelphia."

"An Act appointing Trustees to take care of the Person and Estate of Richard Gardner, a Lunatic."

"An Act for Vacating a part of a Road in the township of the Northern Liberties, and for Confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof;" And

"A Supplement to the Act entituled "An Act for making the River Schuylkill navigable, and for the Preservation of the Fish in the same."

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Which Bills being severally read and considered by the Board, the Secretary was directed to return them to the Assembly in the Afternoon, with a few amendments made to the first, and to acquaint the House that the Governor could not consent to pass the second Bill into a Law; but that he agreed to the two last mentioned Bills, and would be ready to pass them whenever presented to him for that purpose

The Vendue Bill being again sent up to the Governor by the Assembly with a Message that the House adhered to the Bill, The Governor, by the advice of the Board, directed the Secretary to return the said Bill to the Assembly, with a Verbal Message that the Governor adhered to his proposed amendments.

The Governor also laid before the Board a Message he received last week from the Assembly, which was read, and follows in these Words, Viz^t:

"May it Please your Honor:

"When we considered your Message of the 29th of January, recommending the support of a Garrison at Fort Pitt, founded on apprehensions in the Back Inhabitants of Danger from the Indians, at a time when we imagined the treaties of Friendship were perfectly observed between his Majesty and them, we thought it our duty to enquire into the Reason and Grounds, if any, for those apprehensions. We were, therefore, induced to apply to Government for information whether there appeared a disposition in the Natives to Violate those Treaties; and from your last Message we cannot find that there is the least Cause for such a suspicion, otherwise we have no doubt you would, on our Request, have communicated it; From whence we are led to conclude that the uneasiness of the Back Settlers is without Foundation, and by no means a sufficient Reason for a Measure which we fear may be productive of the very mischiefs it may be intended to avert.

"We well known that from the first Settlement of the Province, down to the late French and Indian War, the most perfect good understanding and Friendship were preserved between this Government and those People, by a Conduct uniformly just and kind towards them; that since the late Indian War, the like happy effects have been produced by the like Policy, and that on the Contrary, the maintaining of Garrisons in or near their Country, has been frequently an object of their Jealousy and Complaints; to this we may add, that it appears by Intelligence now before us, from the Deputy Superintendant of Indian Affairs in that Quarter, that having in pursuance of his Majesty's Orders communicated to the Western Indians the Evacuation of Fort Pitt, that Measure is so entirely agreeable to them, that it is likely to effect a Removal of their Jealousies, and a Conciliation of their Affections to this Province.

"We might offer other Reasons for not concurring in Sentiments with your Honour, on the Propriety of supporting a

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Garrison at Fort Pitt, but being of Opinion that any warlike Preparations, even within our own Frontiers, at a time of prevailing Harmony between us and the Natives, may be attended with more Ill than good Consequences, we shall wave them as unnecessary, and Content ourselves with assuring you that we shall, and we have no doubt but all future Assemblies will be ever Ready when there shall be real Occasion, to afford every kind of Protection to the back Inhabitants the Circumstances of the Province will allow.

"Signed by order of the House.

"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*

"February 19th, 1773."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, the 25th of February, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, jun^r. } Esquires.
James Tilghman,

The Governor laid before the Board two bills sent up by the Assembly for his Concurrence, entituled:

"An Act to amend the act entituled 'An Act to regulate the assize of Bread, and for other purposes therein mentioned,'" and

"An Act for vesting a Certain Tract of Land in the Township of Middletown, & County of Cumberland, and a Lot in the Town of Carlisle, in the said County, in Trustees, to be sold for the purpose therein Mentioned."

Which Bills being read and considered, The Secretary was directed to carry them back to the Assembly, with one amendment made to the first, and to acquaint the House that the Governor agreed to the other, and would be ready to pass it whenever presented to him for that purpose.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday the 26th of February, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

James Tilghman,
Edward Shippen, Junr. } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills sent up by the Assembly for his concurrence, entituled as follows, vizt.:

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"An Act to repeal the act entituled 'An Act to prevent Frauds and abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather;'" and

"An Act for the Relief of William Richie, a Languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Philadelphia, and John Milleron, a Languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Lancaster County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."

Both which were read and considered, and the Secretary was ordered to return them to the assembly, with the Governor's assent to the first mentioned Bill, and a few amendments to the last.

The Governor then informed the Board that he yesterday received a verbal Message from the assembly, acquainting him that the House proposed to adjourn to the 20th of September next, if his Honor had no objections to it, and desired to know at what time to-morrow they should wait on him in order to enact into Laws the Several Bills to which he had given his assent, and that he replied, he had no objection to the proposed time of their adjournment, and would send them notice at what time he should be ready to pass the Bills; the Governor therefore directed the Secretary to inform the Speaker that he would meet them at the Council Chamber in the afternoon, as soon as he should be acquainted that the House had the Bills in readiness to present to him for that Purpose, and that he had appointed two Members and the Secretary to join with three Members of the House, in Comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals.

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Eodem die, P. M.

The several engrossed Bills being Compared with their Originals and found to agree.

The Governor sent a Message to the assembly by the Secretary, acquainting them that he was now in the Council Chamber, and that he required their attendance in Order to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he had given his assent.

The House accordingly attended, and the Speaker presented to the Governor Fifteen Bills, which his Honor enacted into Laws, and signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal to them. The said Laws were accordingly Sealed, and were afterwards deposited in the Rolls office, and are entituled as follows, vizt:

"An Act for emiting the sum of One Hundred and Fifty thousand pounds in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a fund for the Payment of Public debts."

"An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act for preserving the Navigation of Shearman's Creek, in the County of Cumberland, and to prevent the destruction of Fish in the same."

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"An Act for erecting part of the County of Bedford into a Separate County."

"An Act to enable the Persons therein named to hold Lands, and to invest them with the Privileges of Natural Born Subjects of this Province."

"An Act for Confirming the Estate of William Martin in and to a certain Tract of Land in the Township of Charles Town, in the County of Chester."

"An Act for making perpetual an Act entituled 'An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Election in this Province.'"

"An Act for vacating a part of a Road in the Township of the Northern Liberties, and for confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof."

"An Act for making perpetual the act entituled 'An Act for laying a duty on Negroes and Mulattoe Slaves Imported into this Province,' and laying an additional duty on the said Slaves."

"A Supplement to the act entituled 'An Act for making the River Schuylkill Navigable, and for the Preservation of the Fish in the said River.'"

"An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work House, and House of Correction, in the City of Philadelphia."

"An Act to amend the act entituled 'An Act to regulate the assise of Bread, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act for vesting a Certain Tract of Land in the Township of Middleton, and County of Cumberland, and a Lot in the Town of Carlisle, in the said County, in Trustees, to be sold for the purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act to repeal the act entituled 'An Act to prevent frauds and abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather;'" and

"An Act for the relief of two Languishing Prisoners, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."

Before the House withdrew, the Speaker presented to the Governor a Certificate for £500, for which his Honor was pleased to say he was much obliged to the House.

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Saturday the 27th February, 1773.

MEMORANDUM:

A Law having past yesterday for erecting a part of the County of Bedford into a separate County, called Westmoreland, and Arthur St. Clair, Esqre the Present Prothonotary, &c^c of Bedford, having requested the Governor to Grant him the offices in the new County, in lieu of those he now holds in Bedford County, His Honour was this day pleased to appoint him to the Several offices following, in the said County of Westmore-

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land, by three Separate Commissions, under the Great Seal of the Province, vizt: Prothonotary or principal Clerk of the County Court of Common Pleas, Clerk or Register of the Orphans' Court, and Recorder of Deeds. The Governor was then pleased to fill up the vacancy which was made by the removal of Mr. St Clair, by appointing Thomas Smith, Esquire, Prothonotary or Principal Clerk of the County Court of Common Pleas for the County of Bedford, Clerk or Register of the Orphans' Court for the said County of Bedford, and Recorder of Deeds for the said County of Bedford, by three separate Commissions; and it being necessary that General Commissions of the Peace should be immediately issued for the said Counties of Bedford and Westmoreland, the following persons were, after due Consideration, agreed on and Commissionated by the Governor to be Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas within the said Counties respectively, vizt:

For the County of Bedford.

John Frazer,	Abraham Keble,
Bernard Daugherty,	Thomas Smith,
Arthur St Clair,	Thomas Coulter,
William Proctor, Junr	John Piper,
Robert Cluggage,	Elias Stillwell,
William McConnell,	Abraham Miley,
George Woods,	Richard Hogland,

Dedimus Postestatem, directed to

JOHN FRAZER,
BERNARD DOUGHERTY,
THOMAS SMITH.

For the County of Westmoreland.

William Crawford,	Eneas M'Kay,
Arthur St Clair,	Joseph Spear,
Thomas Gist,	Alexander M'Clean,
Alexander M'Kee,	James Cavet,
Robert Hanna,	William Bracken,
William Lockery,	James Pollock,
Geo. Wilson,	Samuel Sloan,
William Thompson,	Michael Rugh.

Dedimus Postestatem, directed to

WILLIAM CRAWFORD,
ARTHUR ST. CLAIR,
ROBERT HANNA.

The office of Coroner of the City and County of Philadelphia having become vacant by the Death of Mr. Caleb Cash, and Mr. John Knight having stood a Candidate for the said office for a num-

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ber of years past, did this day exhibit a Petition, Praying that the Governor would be pleased to appoint him Coroner of the said City and County. Whereupon the Governor was pleased to appoint him, the said John Knight, to the office of Coroner of the City and County aforesaid, untill his Term therein, according to the Constitution of this Province, shall of Course expire.

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New Castle, Wednesday the 7th April, 1773.

The Assembly of the three Lower Counties having met on the 29th of March, pursuant to their adjournment, and proceeded to Business, The Governor attended here this day, when three members of the House waited on his Honor and Presented him four Bills for his Concurrence, entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"A Supplement act to an Act entituled 'An Act for Limitation of actions, and proving accounts against the Estates of Persons dying within this Government.'"

"A Supplementary Act to an Act entituled 'a Supplement to an Act of this Government, entituled an Act for the better Confirmation of the owners of Lands, &c^a in their Just Rights and Possessions.'"

"An Act for the relief of Mark M'Causland, and James Adams, Languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of New Castle County, and James Parcy, a Languishing Prisoner, in the Goal of Sussex County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."

"An Act for continuance of a Former act entituled 'a Supplement to an Act entituled an Act for Regulating fences within this Government;'" which being read and Considered, were returned to the Assembly by the Secretary, with a few amendments to the first mentioned Bill, and a Verbal Message by the Secretary, that the Governor gave his assent to the three others.

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Eodem die, P. M.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and returned him the Supplementary Bill to the act entituled "An Act for Limitation of actions, &c^a" and acquainted him that the House agreed to the first of his proposed amendments, but adhered to the Bill as to the other two. The same Committee presented to the Governor for his Concurrence three Bills, entituled

"An Act for vesting the Presbyterian church, and the yard or Burying Ground adjoining the same, in the Town of New Castle, and the burying Ground at the Northeast end of the said Town, in Trustees.

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"An Act to enable Certain Trustees to sell Lands in the County of Kent, settled in trust for the use of the Minister of Duck Creek Church, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and

"A Supplement to an act entituled 'an act to enable the owners and Possessors of the Marsh Meadow, on the North side of Christiana River, called Brandywine Marsh, and of a Tract of Meadow Marsh and Cripple, on the south side of the said River, called Holland's Creek Marsh, and also of a Tract of Marsh Meadow near Newport, called Conrad's Cripple, to keep the Banks, Dams, and Sluices in repair, and Raise a fund to defray the Expence thereof, so far as the same relates to the said Holland's Creek Marsh;" which Bills were considered, and being agreed to by the Governor, returned them to the assembly by the Secretary, with a Message that he gave his assent to them, and also returned the Supplementary Bill to the act for Limitation of actions, &c^a^ and directed the Secretary to acquaint the House that he receded from the 2d & 3d amendments which he had proposed to make to the same.

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Saturday, 10th April, 1773.

A Committee of Assembly presented to the Governor for his Concurrence a Bill entituled "An Act for the raising County Rates and Levies.

The Assembly also sent up to the Governor for his Concurrence, by a Committee, four other Bills, entituled as follows, Viz^t^:

"An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh Meadow on the North Side of Christiana River, in the Borough of Wilmington, to keep the Banks, Drains, and Sluices in Repair."

"An Act for Stopping Muddy Branch, in Little Creek hundred, in Kent County, on Delaware, and embanking, draining and Improveing the Marsh Cripple and low Lands."

"An Act for stopping Mill Creek, in Christiana Hundred, and for keeping the Dam to be erected across the same, and the Sluices to be laid therein in good Order and Repair, and for raising a Fund to defray the Expence thereof."

"An Act to repeal so much of an Act entituled 'An Act for regulating and Establishing Fees,' as relates to the imposing a Fine of six pence on Defaulting Jurors."

The said Bills being severally read and Considered, were returned to ye Assembly by the Secretary, with a Verbal Message that the Governor agreed to the four last mentioned Bills, and could not consent to pass into a Law the Bill for raising County Rates and Levies.

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Eodem die, P. M.

A Committee of the assembly waited on the Governor, and again delivered him the Bill for raising County rates and Levies, and requested him to receive a Committee of the House to confer with him on that Bill, and know his Reasons for objecting to it. Upon which the Governor sent a Verbal Message to the assembly by the Secretary, acquainting them that he was ready to receive the Committee, who accordingly waited on the Governor, and he gave them his reasons for Refusing his Assent to the Bill.

The Governor was this day pleased to Issue two General Commissions of the Peace for the Counties of New Castle and Sussex, appointing the following Gentlemen Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas, within the said Counties respectively, Viz' :

For New Castle County.

John Jones,	Thomas M'Keim,
Thomas James,	Jacob Peterson,
William Patterson,	John Evans,
William Armstrong,	Theodore Maurice,
William Williams,	Thomas M'Kean,
John Stapler,	Benjamin Noxon,
David Finney,	John Malcolm,
Thomas Cooch,	George Craighead,
James Lattimer,	Richard Cantwell,

Dedimus Potestatem, directed to

RICHARD M'WILLIAM,
GEORGE READ.

For Sussex County.

Benjamin Burton,	John Rodney,
Jacob Hollock,	Anderson Parker,
Wrixam Lewis,	Parker Robinson,
Gilbercher Parker,	Boaz Manlove,
Levin Crapper,	John Wiltbanck,
Thomas Robinson,	Daniel Nunez,
William Conwell,	Nehemiah Davis,

Dedimus Potestatem, directed to

DAVID HALL,
JACOB KOLLOCK, Jun'

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Monday, the 12th April 1773, A. M.

A Committee of Assembly presented to the Governor a Bill entituled " An Act for the amendment of an Act entituled 'a further

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Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act to enable the owners and Possessors of the Meadow, Marsh and Cripple on Red Lyon Creek, in New Castle County, to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices, and Flood-gates in repair, and to raise a Fund to defray the Expence thereof.'"

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Eodem Die, P. M.

A Committee of Assembly delivered the Governor the following Written Message on the Subject of the County Rate and Levy Bill:

"May it please your Honor,

"We return your Honor thanks, for so readily assigning your Reasons for refusing your assent to the Bill entituled 'An Act for raising County Rates and Levies; We have taken them into our Serious Consideration, and beg leave to make the following observations thereon:

"Your honor is pleased to say 'that the present Bill is a total Subversion of the mode of Taxation now used, and which has been long found beneficial to the People.' We answer, that it appears to us only to take away the Power of the Justices of the Peace and the Grand Jury of taxing those who do not choose them; and that not only the mode of taxation, but also the very words and Clauses of the Present Law for raising County rates and Levies, are retained in the Bill now under consideration, and the principal difference between them is a change of some of the Persons who compose the Levy Courts as now Constituted. According to the English Constitution, no person whatsoever has a right to take away the property of another without his consent, given in person or by his representative.

"The present Law therefore, in this appears to be unconstitutional, and on experience we know it to be injurious to the People.

"Your Honor is pleased to say, 'That the Sheriff is chosen by the people, and he returns the Grand Jury.' This we agree is the fact, but when your honor is informed that the accounts of the Sheriffs annually exhibitted to the Levy Courts generally amount to a considerable sum, We do not apprehend your Honor will think it Reasonable or just, that he should have the nomination of the Persons who are to audit and allow them; and if the Recommendation of the Justices of the Peace of the County should be thought the only way for Gentlemen elected Candidates for the Sheriff's office to obtain the Commission, it is more than probable that they will fix upon the man who may be most pliant to their Will.

"You think it strange, that Gentlemen of Property when put into the Commission of the Peace should become enemies to their

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Country.' We humbly conceive there is nothing in the Present Bill which imports any such declaration; it only implies that it is thought unconstitutional and unsafe, that officers appointed solely by the Crown during pleasure, should have the power of taxing the Subject.

"We would further remark, that tho' men of Property may have been put into the Commission of the Peace, (which has not always been the case,) yet if they should be of an arbitrary disposition, want abilities or integrity, they might under the Law now in force, be very oppressive the People. Besides, the Assessors and Grand jurors, not being on an equallity with the Justices of the Peace in rank or power, (their power in these Counties being much greater than that of the Justices of the Peace in England, or any other of His Majesty's Dominions,) are known to have little influence in the Levy Courts, and many of them, through fear of giving offence, too easily assent to what the Magistrates propose.

"You are pleased to say, 'that if by the change of Circumstances in the Country, the Magistrates have got the superiority in the Levy Courts, that may be amended,' for which We are much obliged to your Honor; but we are of opinion, the most effectual remedy is the present Bill, and if your Honor proposes any alteration or amendment to any particular provision therein, or part thereof, we do assure your Honor We will receive the same with the greatest deference, and pay all the Regard to it in our power consistent with our duty to our constituents. 'The Law which is repealed by the present Bill now before you,' your Honor says, 'has been in use for thirty years, and is a good one.' In answer, we would observe, that an Act of Assembly founded on the Principle of this present Bill, and nearly similar to it, has been in force in your Province of Pennsylvania for a much longer time, and found on experience to render the greatest satisfaction.

"Upon the whole, We humbly beg your Honor to believe, that we have nothing in view by the present Bill (which has been petitioned for several years since, as well as now, by a very respectable number of People of this Government) but the good of our constituents, and to reduce their taxes, which in some of the Counties are now enormous; and we flatter ourselves that no Credit will be given to any insinuations to the Contrary.

"We therefore hope that your Honour will be so good as to reconsider the Bill; and that as it is only to have continuance for six Years, and no probable inconveniencies, in our opinion, can arise from it, that you will be pleased to enact it into a Law.

"Signed by Order of the House.

"THOS. M'KEAN, *Speaker.*

"April 12th, 1773."

To which the Governor wrote the following answer, and sent the same to the House with the Bill by the Secretary, who at the same

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time, by the Governor's directions, returned the Red Lyon Creek Meadow Bill to the assembly, with his assent thereto.

"Gentlemen:

"When I received an application from the House on Saturday last, for a conferrence upon the Bill entituled "An Act for raising County Rates and Levies," which I so readily assented to, I imagined the Committee would have offered some reasons in support of it; and, by pointing out to me the advantage and utility of such an Act to the Good people of this Government, have inclined me to alter the resolutions I had formerly respecting it; But, contrary to my expectation, the Conferrence desired by the House proved to be only a request that I would acquaint the Committee with my reasons for objecting to the Bill, which, with the greatest willingness, I endeavoured to do, in the most explicit manner I was Capable of; in consequence of which, I have this day received a very long Message, containing many observations thereon. I have since carefully examined into what the House have been pleased to call such Observations, and after the most serious consideration, I do not find any thing Contained in them that has, in the least degree, given me reason to change my opinion with regard to the Bill. I therefore return it, and cannot agree to pass it into a Law.

"RICHARD PENN.

"April 12th, 1773."

The Governor having acquainted a Committee of the Assembly who waited on him to know when and where he would be pleased to pass the Bills to which he had given his assent, that he should be ready to receive the House for that Purpose at his Lodgings in half an Hour, the Speaker and the whole House attended accordingly, and Presented twelve Bills, which the Governor enacted into Laws, Signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal to them, and directed the Secretary to accompany two Members of Assembly to see them Sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office. The titles of the said Laws follows in these words, Viz^t:

"A Supplementary Act to an Act entituled 'an Act for Limitation of actions and proving accounts against the Estates of Persons dying within this Government."

"A Supplementary Act to an act entituled 'a Supplement to an act entituled 'an Act for the better Confirmation of the Owners of Lands, &c^c' in their just rights and Possessions."

"An Act for the relief of Mark McCausland and James Adams, Languishing Prisoners in the Goal of New Castle County, and James Parey, a Languishing prisoner in the Gaol of Sussex County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."

"An Act for Continuance of a former act, entituled 'A Supplement to an act entitlued 'an Act for regulating Fences within this Government.'"

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"An Act for vesting the Presbeterian Church and the yard or Burying Ground adjoining the same, in the Town of New Castle, and the Burying Ground at the North-east end of the said Town, in Trustees."

"An Act to enable certain Trustees to sell Lands in the County of Kent, settled in Trust for the use of the Minister of Duck Creek Church, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

"A Supplement to an Act 'entituled 'An Act to enable the owners and Possessors of the Marsh Meadow on the North side of Christiana River, called Brandywine Marsh, and of a Tract of Meadow, Marsh and Cripple on the South side of the said River, called Holland's Creek Marsh, and also of a Tract of Marsh Meadow near New Port, called Conrad's Cripple, to keep the Banks, Dams, and Sluices in repair, and Raise a Fund to defray the Expense thereof, so far as the same relates to the said Holland's Creek Marsh."

"An Act to enable the owners and Possessors of the Marsh Meadow on the North side of Christiana River, in the borough of Wilmington, to keep the Banks, drains, and Sluices in Repair."

"An Act for Stopping Mill Creek, in Christiana Hundred, and for keeping the Dam to be erected across the same, and the Sluices to be laid therein, in Good order and Repair, and for raising a Fund to Defray the Expence thereof."

"An Act for the stopping Muddy Branch, in little Creek hundred, in Kent County, on Delaware, and embanking, draining, and Improving the Marsh, Cripple, and Lowlands.

"An Act to repeal so much of an Act entituled 'An Act for regulating and establishing Fees,' as relates to imposing a Fine of six pence on defaulting Jurors,'" and

"An Act entituled 'an Act for the amendment of an Act entituled 'a further Supplement to the act entituled 'An Act to enable the owners and Possessors of the Meadow, Marsh and Cripple on Red Lyon Creek in New Castle County, to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices, and Floodgates in repair, and to raise a Fund to Defray the Expence thereof.'"

Before the House withdrew, the Speaker presented the Governor an Order on the Trustees of the Loan Office for £150, for which his Honor returned the House his Thanks.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 11th June, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

James Tilghman, Esqr.

Upon reading and Considering a Letter from Robert Moody, Esquire, to Dr. William Plunkett, and one from him to Messrs. Ship-

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pen or Tilghman, concerning the motions of the New England People, which are as follows:

VALLEY FIELD, June 6th, 1773.

"Sir:

"One Justice Bennet, on his way from York Government to Munsey, has just now declared upon Oath that, about 25 miles this side of Wyoming, he was taken up by a party of Men, 60 or 70 in number, headed by John Dougherty, junior, all arm'd with Guns, &c., bound for the West Branch, with an Intent to build a Fort on J. Dougherty's place; they expected more men from Wyoming, and was to march this day. If you think it necessary the Sheriff should be apprised of the matter, pray do it, and advise me by return of the Bearer what step you intend to take, and I will join with you.

"I am S'r, your Humble Servant,

"ROBT. MOODIE."

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"Sir:

"The inclos'd piece of Intelligence being Confirmed beyond a Doubt from different quarters, I can't refrain the freedom of letting Government know our situation, through the Hands of the Secretary.

"Although cautious of murmering, we can't help wondering at it as strange that such a number of desperadoes should so long have residence unmolested, within the limits of this respectable Province, and in the Neighborhood of so feeble and defenceless a Body of Inhabitants as we are.

"This morning we are Hurrying up to the place were the inclos'd mentions they intend to Fortify, if Possible to check them a little, but some are of opinion that they mean for 'tother side of Munsey, or the unpurchased Land; if so I can't conjecture what will follow, as of the majority of the People there I have a mean opinion: in haste I beg leave to subscribe myself,

"Sir, your most Obedient Humble Servant,

"WM. PLUNKET.

"Northumberland, June 7th, 1773."

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The Governor concluded to write the following Letter to Dr. William Plunket, in answer thereto:

"PHILADELPHIA, the 11th June, 1773.

"Sir,

"I have considered the intelligence you communicated in your Letter to Messrs. Shippen and Tilghman, concerning the motions of

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the New England People, and am both concerned and offended at their daring attempts to disturb the Peace of the Province, and Possess themselves of the Property of our People. Should they proceed to your parts, (as it seems Probable they will,) I doubt not but you and the rest of the Magistracy, with the Sheriff and other Peace officers, will exert yourselves in the execution of the Laws, in which you may be assured of all the Countenance, Protection and Support in my Power. So great a number of People appearing in arms is undoubtedly of itself a high and aggravated Breach of the Peace, and such as any Magistrate may take notice of, and cause the Partys to be arrested and bound to answer, and the Sheriff hath upon occasions of this kind, a Power to raise the Posse of his County, to assist in the Execution of the King's Process. Should the suppression of these dangerous and riotous proceedings prove beyond the ordinary power of your County, (which however, I am in hopes they will not,) I shall certainly apply to the Assembly for their assistance. I rely upon the Spirited Conduct of the Magistracy and the People of the County upon this occasion, who will not fail to recommend themselves to the Government by shewing a disposition to support it against the Lawless intrusions of these Insurgents.

"You will not fail to inform me of their further Motions, and of your Proceedings against their Hostile designs.

"Should a number of them be arrested, more than can be conveniently confin'd in your Gaol, I would have you send them under a proper Guard to Philadelphia.

"I am Your most humble Servant,

"RICHARD PENN.

"To WILLIAM PLUNKET, Esquire, President of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, &c., for the County of Northumberland."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 23d June, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor, &c.

Lynford Lardner, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, Andrew Allen, }

On reading a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of Philadelphia to the Governor and Council, praying an appointment of Persons to review an old Road laid out above sixty years agoe from the upper end of Second Street to the place where a new Road was lately laid out by the Order of the Governor and Council, to the Germantown Road, through the Land late

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of William Masters, deceased, It is Ordered that Joseph Fox, Daniel Williams, Luke Morris, John Lukens, Jonathan Evans, and Tench Francis, do re-view the said Old Road and ascertain the Courses thereof, and make report thereupon to the Governor and Council.

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter from Lord Dunmore, informing him that a Certain John Arters had made a confession of having formerly murdered one Thomas England in the City of Philadelphia, and that he was ready to be delivered up to Justice whenever his Honor shall demand him.

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July 10th, 1773.

The Governor was this day pleased to appoint John Swift, Esquire, a Justice of the Court of General quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the County of Bucks, by a Special Commission.

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July 19th, 1773.

The Governor, with the advice of the Council, this day issued the following Proclamation; having previously Consulted the Speaker and Several Members of Assembly in Town, with respect to the payment of the rewards offered for discovering and bringing to Justice the Offenders, therein refered to, and obtained their Engagements that the Assembly would agree to pay the same on Conviction of the Offenders.

"*By the Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, a great number of Bills *printed* in the Form, Similitude and likeness of the true and genuine Bills of Credit of this Province, of the Denominations of *Three Pounds* and *Thirty Shillings*, dated the first day of March, 1769, have been forged and Counterfeited, and are now Circulating within this City and Province, to the great prejudice of his Majesty's honest and leige Subjects: *And Whereas*, it is of the Greatest Importance to the Trade and Commerce of this Province, that the Credit of all such Bills as have been emitted by Law should be supported and preserved,

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and that the Forgers and Counterfeiters of them should be discovered and brought to Condign and exemplary Punishment; I have, therefore, thought fit, with the advice of the Council, to Issue this Proclamation, hereby Promising and engageing the Public Reward of Five hundred Pounds shall be paid to any Person or Persons, other than the accomplices, who shall discover the Author or Authors of the said Forgeries, so that he or they apprehended and brought to Justice. And I do also hereby Promise the Public reward of Two hundred and fifty pounds, as well as his Majesty's Most Gracious Pardon, to any one of the Perpetrators of the said Forgeries, who shall make discovery of one or more of his Accomplices, so that he or they be prosecuted to Conviction. And I do moreover, hereby strictly Charge, enjoin, and require all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other officers, as well as all other his Majesty's liege Subjects within this Province, to exert themselves and use their utmost endeavors to discover and bring to Justice all offenders in the Premises.

"*Given* under my hand and the Great Seal of the said Province at Philadelphia, the nineteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and seventy-three, and in the thirteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

"RICHARD PENN.

"By His Honour's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Jr. Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

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July, 1773.

MEMORANDUM:

The Governor was this day pleased to issue a Pardon for Humphrey Harrison, who was convicted of Burglary at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held for this County in April last, His Honor having lately, for divers good Causes and Considerations, suspended the Execution of the Sentence of Death which had been pronounced against him by the Judges of the said Court.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday August 9th, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JAMES HAMILTON, Esquire, President.

Joseph Turner, William Logan, James Tilghman, Benjamin Chew, Thomas Cadwallader, } Esquires.

The Governor having gone on a Journey to New Jersey, a Petition was this day presented to the President and council by Monsieur Pierre Peron, Commander of the Snow D'Auberton, belonging to Merchants of Rochelle, in France, which was read and follows in these words, Viz^{t}:

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At the same time was laid before the Board the Captain's Protest, referred to in the above Petition; and the Board taking the said Protest and Petition into their serious consideration, and finding upon due enquiry and examination, that the Facts set forth in them are true, Ordered that the said Snow be permitted to be examined, and the necessary repairs made on her, to enable her to prosecute her intended Voyage, and that her Cargo be unladen, under the care and Inspection of the Custom House officers of this Port, and that the same be deposited in a Store untill the said Snow be sufficiently Repaired; and for the better security of the Cargo against Fraud and Embezzlement, that one Key of the same be kept by the Collector, and another by the Naval Officer. The Board appointed John Shee, Merchant, to Transact all the necessary Business relating to the said Snow and her Cargo, as Factor or Agent for the Master, during her Continuance in this Port.

Zachariah Hood, Esquire, Comptroler, who in the absence of the Collector, officiated in his stead, and Frederick Phile, Deputy Naval Officer of this Port, at the Request of the Board appeared, and were made acquainted with this order, and directed to take notice of the same, and Govern themselves accordingly.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday the 30th August, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

The Honourable JAMES HAMILTON, Esquire,

Joseph Turner, Lynford Lardner, Benjamin Chew, Thomas Cadwallader, James Tilghman, Andrew Allen, Edward Shippen, jun^{r}. } Esquires.

The Honorable Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries and Governors in Chief of the Province of

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Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, having been pleased to revoke and make void, by an Instrument of Writing under their Hands and Seals, bearing date the thirteenth day of April last, their Commission to the Honorable Richard Penn, Esquire, to be Lieutenant Governor of the said Province and Counties, and the said Thomas Penn, Esqre having, with his Majesty's Approbation, been pleased on his behalf, and as far as he was enabled thereto, to Constitute and appoint the said John Penn, Esqre to be deputy and Lieutenant Governor of the said Province and Counties, by a Commission under his Hand and Seal, bearing date the Fourteenth day of April last, and to sign a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal thereto; and the Great Seal being accordingly this day affixed to the said Commission, The said Revocation and Commission were produced to the Board and read, and Ordered to be immediately Recorded in the Rolls Office.

The Certificate of his Majesty's Approbation above referred to is as follows, Viz^t:

At the Court at St. James', the 30th day of June, 1773.

PRESENT:

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty having been pleased to declare his Royal Allowance and Approbation of John Penn, Esquire, to be Deputy or Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania for and on behalf of Thomas Penn, Esquire, one of the Proprietaries of the said Province, during the good Pleasure of the said Thomas Penn and his Heirs, and of the three Lower Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, during his Majesty's Will and Pleasure only, He this day took the Oaths appointed to be taken, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and also the Oath required to be taken by the Governors of His Majesty's Plantations, for putting in Execution the acts of Trade and Navigation.

"G. CHETWYND."

The Board then taking into Consideration what ought to be the Stile and Title of Mr. John Penn during his administration of the Government, agreed and Settled the same to be as follows, vizt:

"The Honorable John Penn, Esqre one of the true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, and Governor and Commander-in-chief of the said Province and Counties, as well in his own Right, as by the Appointment of the Honorable Thomas Penn, Esqre the other true and Absolute Proprietary of the said Province and Counties."

The Governor then acquainted the Board that he thought proper to Continue Mr. Joseph Shippen, jun^r in his Office of Provincial

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Secretary and Clerk of the Council, and desired that an Entry of the same might be made on the minutes of Council. The Secretary was then directed to prepare a Draught of a Proclamation for the Continuance of Officers holding Commissions under this Government.

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The Governor, attended by the Council, The Mayor, Recorder, and Commonallity of the City, and several Gentlemen of the Clergy, and preceded by the Sheriff and his Officers, went in Procession to the Court House, where his Commission was published with the usual Solemnities, in the presence of a very great Concourse of People.

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Tuesday the 31st August, 1773.

The Secretary having, according to order, prepared a Draught of a Proclamation for continuing all Magistrates and other Officers in their respective Offices, the same was read and signed by the Governor, and the Great Seal being immediately affixed thereto, it is ordered to be published in all the Public Papers, and follows in these Words, Viz^t:

"*By the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, one of the true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the said Province and Counties, as well in his own Right, as by the appointment of the Honorable Thomas Penn, Esquire, the other true and absolute Proprietary of the said Province and Counties.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, it is necessary on my accession to the Government of this Province, in order to prevent Failures in the administration of Justice, to continue the several persons holding Commissions under this Government in the exercise and enjoyment of their respective Offices; I have, therefore, by and with the advice of the Council, thought fit to ordain, and do hereby ordain and declare, that all orders and Commissions whatsoever, relating to the Government of the said Province, heretofore lawfully and rightfully issued, which were in Force on the twenty-ninth day of August Instant, shall be, continue, and remain in full Force, Power, and

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Virtue, according to their respective Tenors, untill my further Pleasure shall be known therein; And that all persons whatsoever, who, on the said twenty-ninth day of August, held or enjoyed any office of trust or Profit in this Government, by Virtue of any such Commission as aforesaid, shall Continue to hold and enjoy the same, untill they shall be determined by me as aforesaid, or by other Sufficient Authority; *And I do* hereby further Command and require all Magistrates, Officers, and Commissioners whatsoever, in whom any Public Trust is reposed in the Government of the said Province, that they Diligently Proceed in the performance and discharge of their respective duties therein for the Safety, Peace, and well being of the same.

"*Given* under my Hand, and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the thirtieth day of August, in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three.

"JOHN PENN.

"By His Honour's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junr. Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

At New Castle, the 3d day of September, 1773.

MEMORANDUM.

The Governor arrived here this afternoon from Philadelphia, and being attended by three Members of Council, and several other Gentlemen, and proceeded by the Sheriff and his Officers, went to the Court House, where his Commission for the Government of Pennsylvania, and the Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, was published with due Solemnity, in the Presence of a number of the Inhabitants.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday the 18th Septem'r, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Joseph Turner,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Richard Peters,	Edward Shippen, jun^r.	
Benjamin Chew,		

A Transcript of a Record of the Conviction of Mulattoe Daniel, the Slave of Isaac Snowden, and of Negro Harry Bedlow, the

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slave of William Drewry, both of the County of Philadelphia, of Felony and Burglary, at a Court held at Philadelphia for the Tryal of Negroes on the 29th day of July last, was laid before the Board, and it appearing that the said Criminals had been recommended by several reputable Inhabitants to the late Governor as objects of Mercy, and the Execution of the sentence of the said Court had been suspended by him, and the Governor having acquainted the Board that the same recommendation had lately been renewed to him, His Honour, by the advice of the Board, after due consideration of the Matter, agreed to Grant a Pardon for the said Criminals on this special Condition, that they be Transported, and that they never Return into the Province; The Secretary was directed to make out the Pardons accordingly.

Then was also laid before the Board a Transcript of a Record of a Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Chester, for the County of Chester, on the 23d day of August last, by which it appears that a certain John Jones of the same County, was convicted of Felony and Burglary, and had received Sentence of Death for the same, and on a due Consideration of the Matter, the Governor, by the advice of the Council, agreed to Grant a Pardon for the said John Jones, on Condition of his being Transported, and never returning into this Province, and the Secretary was ordered to make out a Pardon.

The Governor informed the Board that he had received Information that several Families had lately seated themselves on Lands on the North side of the West Branch of Susquehanna, beyond the Boundaries of the last purchase made of the Indians at the Treaty of Fort Stanwix, and it being Considered that the making settlements on the Indians' Lands would create Great uneasinesses among them, and if not immediately removed, and prevented for the future, might be attended with Fatal Consequences, it was the opinion of the Board that a Proclamation, commanding the Magistrates and other Peace Officers to enforce and carry the Laws for preventing Persons settling on any of the unpurchased Lands in this Province into Execution, against all Persons who had already made any such settlements, or should hereafter Transgress the same Law; The Secretary was accordingly directed to prepare a Draught of a Proclamation for that purpose.

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MEMORANDUM, the 20th day of September, 1773.

The Secretary having Prepared a Proclamation, agreeable to an order of Council of the 18th Instant, and the same being approved, was this day Issued by the Governor, and ordered to be published in all the public Papers, and also a number of Printed Copies to be made and dispersed thro' the back Counties; The Proclamation follows in these words, Viz^{t}:

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"*By the Honourable John Penn, Esquire, Governor and Commander in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, I have received Information that several Ill disposed Persons, in Disobedience to His Majesty's express orders, and in direct Violation of the Laws, have Lately presumed to seat themselves upon Lands within the limits of this Province, not as yet purchased of the Indians: *And whereas*, the making such Settlements doth greatly tend to irritate the minds of the Indians, and may be productive of dangerous and Fatal Consequences to the Peace and Safety of His Majesty's good Subjects: *And Whereas*, by an Act of General Assembly of this Province, passed in the ninth year of his Majesty's Reign, for preventing Persons from Settling upon Lands not purchased of the Indians, it is enacted, "that if any Person or Persons, after the Publication of this Act, either singly or in Companies, shall presume to settle upon any Lands within the Boundaries of this Province, not purchased of the Indians, or shall make, or cause any Surveys to be made of any part thereof, or mark or cut down any Trees thereon, with design to settle or apropriate the same to his own, or the use of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, every such person or persons so offending, being legally Convicted thereof, in any Court of Quarter Sessions of the County where such offenders shall be apprehended, (in which said Court the said offences are hereby made Cognizable,) shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of Five hundred Pounds, and suffer twelve Month's Imprisonment, without Bail or Main-Prize, and shall moreover find Surety for his Good Behavour during the space of twelve Months from and after the Expiration of the Term of such Imprisonment. I have therefore thought Proper, by and with the advice of the Council, to issue this my Proclamation, hereby strictly enjoyning and requiring all and every Person and Persons, already settled or Residing on any Lands beyond the Boundary Line of the Last Indian Purchase, immediately to evacuate their illegal Settlements, and to depart and remove themselves from the said Lands without Delay, on pain of being prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the Law. And I do hereby prohibit and forbid all His Majesty's Subjects of this, or any other Province or Colony, on any pretence whatsoever, to intrude upon, Settle or Possess any of the aforesaid unpurchased Lands, as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril. And I do also hereby strictly command and require all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other Peace officers within this Province, to enforce and Carry into strict execution the said Act of General Assembly, as well against the

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present offenders in the Premises, as all others who may hereafter Trangress the same.

"*Given* under my Hand, and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the twentieth day of September, in the thirteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, by the by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three.

"JOHN PENN.

"By His Honour's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junior, Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday the 22d of September, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters, Andrew Allen, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, }

The Governor having yesterday received a Message from the Assembly, acquainting him that the House had met pursuant to adjournment, and proposed to present him an address, and requesting to know when he would be pleased to receive the same, and his Honor having appointed this day for that purpose, about one o'clock he sent a Verbal Message to the House, by the Secretary, acquainting them that he attended his appointment in the Council Chamber, and was ready to receive the House with their address: the whole House immediately waited on the Governor, and the Speaker Delivered him the following address, Viz^t:

"*To the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, one of the Proprietaries and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania:*

"*The Address of the Representatives of the Freemen of the said Province, in General Assembly met:*

"May it Please your Honour:

"Permit us very sincerely to congratulate you on your safe return to this Province and re-accession to the Government.

"The Harmony subsisting between the two Branches of the Legislature at the time your private affairs called for your presence in Europe, and the Happiness which that Harmony promised to the People, induce us to receive you again in the same Station and Character, with very sensible pleasure.

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"But, independent of this Consideration, the Resolution of one of the Proprietaries to assume the immediate Superintendance of the Province, gives us additional satisfaction, as it is a measure which has been wished and even Solicited for by our Predecessors in Assembly, and is Certainly founded in the soundest Policy, For we are Confident the true Interests of the Proprietaries, and the People Committed to their Care and Protection, are so firmly united that they cannot be separated without doing Violence to the Welfare and happiness of both.

"Impressed with these Sentiments, and convinced of your Good disposition to unite with us in promoting the common Weal, no endeavors shall be wanting on our Part to support the Honor and dignity of your Government, and to secure to the Proprietaries and people their Just rights and Liberties.

"Signed by Order of the House.

"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, Speaker.

"September 21st, 1773."

To which the Governor was pleased to return an answer in these words, Viz^t:

"Gentlemen:

"I accept with particular Pleasure your kind Congratulations, and the assurances you are pleased to give me, that you will support ye Honor and dignity of my Government, for which I most heartily return you my warmest thanks.

"As it was ever my sincere Inclination to Cultivate Harmony between the two Branches of the Legislature, during my former administration, so you may be assured it shall be my future Care, while I have the Honor to Preside in the Government of this Province, to Cherish the same good Dispositions, as the surest means of Contributing to the Happiness and Prosperity of the People committed to my care, with which I am thoroughly Sensible the Interest of my Family is inseparably Connected.

"The Representatives of the Freemen of this Province may, therefore, rely on the Sincerity of my Professions, when I assure them that while my duty calls upon me to support the just Prerogatives of the Crown and Rights of the Proprietaries, I shall be happy in promoting the welfare of the People, and protecting them in the enjoyment of their invaluable Liberties and Privileges.

"JOHN PENN.

"September 22d, 1773."

The Speaker then Presented to the Governor a Certificate for £600, for which he returned the House his Thanks, and they withdrew.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday, Septem^r 25th, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, jun^r	
James Tilghman,		

The Governor laid before the Board three Bills sent up by the House for his Concurrence, entituled as follows, vizt:

"An Act for the Relief of Samuel Sweet, a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Philadelphia, and Thomas Bamford, a Languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Lancaster County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."

"An Act to prevent Counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colonies."

"An Act for the Support of the Government and payment of the Public Debts," which being severally read and Considered, the Governor sent a Verbal Message to the House by the Secretary, desiring them to furnish him with a list of the Certificates and Draughts intended to be discharged by the last mentioned Bill, which was soon after Brought up to the Governor by two Members of Assembly.

There appearing to the Board no Objection to the three Bills above mentioned, the Secretary, by the Governor's directions, carried them back to the House, with a Message that his Honor gave his assent to them.

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Tuesday the 28th of September, 1773.

MEMORANDUM.

A Committee of two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Message, requesting to know when it would be agreeable to him to receive the House, in order to Pass into Laws the Bills which he had agreed to, to which the Governor answered that he would be in the Council Chamber at one O'Clock for that purpose.

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Council Chamber, 1 o'clock.

The Governor being in the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, to acquaint them that he required the attendance of the House there, in order to enact into Laws the Bills to which he had given his assent. The Whole House imme-

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diately attended, and the Speaker Presented to the Gevernor the three following Bills, which he enacted into Laws, and Signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal to them. The Laws were afterwards Sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office.

"An Act to prevent Counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colonies."

"An Act for the relief of Samuel Sweet, a Languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Philadelphia, and Thomas Bamford, a Languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Lancaster County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."

"An Act for the support of the Government of this Province, and payment of the Public Debts.

At a Council held at Philadelphia on Monday 4th October, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Joseph Turner, Andrew Allen, William Logan, Edward Shippen, junr., James Tilghman, } Esquires.

The Secretary having prepared a Draught of a Proclamation in Consequence of a Resolve of the House of Assembly of the 23d Ulto., for apprehending Joseph Richardson, and a Certain Samuel Ford, who stand Charged with Counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Province, laid the same before the Board, which being read and approved, was ordered to be published in the several News Papers. The said Proclamation follows in these words, Viz^t:

"*By the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor, and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, it appears by sundry affidavits taken before one of the Judges of the Province of New Jersey, that Joseph Richardson, late of the County of Philadelphia, and a certain Samuel Ford, stand charged with Feloniously Forging and Counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Province, and passing the same, to the great injury of His Majesty's Liege Subjects: *And Whereas*, the endeavours hitherto used for apprehending them have been ineffectual, and it is highly expedient, for the Discouragement of such pernicious and atrocious Crimes, that the said Joseph Richardson and Samuel Ford should be brought to Condign and exemplary Punishment. I have therefore thought fit, with the advice of the Council, to Issue this my Proclamation, hereby promising and engageing

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that the Public Reward of Three hundred Pounds shall be paid to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend the said Joseph Richardson, and safely deliver him to the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, in the Gaol of the said County; and also that the like reward of Three hundred Pounds shall be paid to any person or Persons who shall apprehend the said Samuel Ford, and deliver him to the said Sheriff in the same Gaol. And I do hereby strictly Charge, enjoin, and require, all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables, and all other His Majesty's faithful and liege Subjects within my Government, to make diligent Search and enquiry after the said Joseph Richardson and Samuel Ford, and to use their utmost endeavours to apprehend and secure them, so that they may be brought to Justice.

"*Given* under my Hand and the Great Seal of the said Province of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, the fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-three, and in the thirteenth year of His Majesty's Reign.

"JOHN PENN.

"By His Honour's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN jun^r, Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

The Governor laid before the Board the returns of Sheriffs and Coroners for the Counties of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks, New Castle, Berks, and Northampton, which being duly Considered, the following persons were appointed and Commissionated as Sheriffs and Coroners of their Respective Counties, Viz^t:

Names of Counties.	Officers.	Names of Offices.	Sheriffs' Sureties.
City and County of Philadelphia.	Sheriff,	William Dewees.	William Coates.
	Coroner,	John Knight,	Joseph Potts. Joseph Mathers.
Chester,	Sheriff,	Henry Hayes,	John Jackson &
	Coroner,	John Bryan,	John Sellers.
Bucks,	Sheriff,	Samuel Biles,	Gilbert Hicks &
	Coroner,	George Fell,	Henry Crewson.
New Castle,	Sheriff,	John Thompson,	
	Coroner,	Robert Bail,	
Berks,	Sheriff,	George Nagel,	Jacob Kern, &
	Coroner,	Peter Brecht,	Christ' Whitman
Northampton,	Sheriff,	Henry Fuller,	Michael Heller.
	Coroner,	Samuel Rea,	Peter Kachlein.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 6th October, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, Junr. } Esquires.
Andrew Allen,

The Returns of Sheriffs and Coroners of Lancaster, York and Kent Counties, being made, the Governor appointed and Commissionated the following persons as Sheriffs and Coroners for their respective Counties, Vizt.:

Lancaster,	Sheriff,	John Ferree,	Isaac Ferree,
	Coroner,	Samuel Boyd,	Peter Ferree.
York,	Sheriff,	Samuel Edie,	Rober M'Pherson,
	Coroner,	Joseph Adlem,	David M'Cannaughy.
Kent,	Sheriff,	John Cook,	
	Coroner,	Caleb Furbee.	

At a Council held at Philadelphia on Saturday 9th October, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, Junr. } Esquires.
James Tilghman.

The Returns of Sheriffs and Coroners for the Counties of Cumberland, Bedford and Northumberland, being now made, the same were laid before the Board, and the following persons were, after due Consideration, appointed and Commissionated as Sheriffs and Coroners of their Respective Counties, Vizt.:

Cumberland,	Sheriff,	Ephraim Blaine,	Robert Callender,
	Coroner,	Samuel Laird,	James Blaine, Sureties.
Bedford,	Sheriff,	James Piper,	Bernard Dougherty,
	Coroner,	John Cesner,	John Piper, Sureties.
Northumberland,	Sheriff,	William Cook,	William Plunket,
	Coroner,	James Murray,	Samuel Hunter, Sureties.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 11th October, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, Andrew Allen, James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, jun^r. } Esquires.

Mr. John Shee, who was appointed by an Order of Council of the 9th of August last, Factor or Agent for the Master of the French Snow, D'auberton, which put into this Port in Distress, reported to the Board that the said Snow is now repaired and made fit to Prosecute her intended Voyage, and will be ready to sail in a few days; at the same time produced his account of repairs and Charges of refitting her, by which it appears that there is a Ballance of £237 6 due to him from the Master of the said Snow, and therefore, prayed Liberty to sell as much of her Cargo as will be sufficient to reimburse him. The matter being taken into Consideration, the Governor, by the advice of the Council, doth hereby Grant Permission to the said John Shee, to sell and dispose of as much Indico belonging to the Cargo of the said Snow, as will be sufficient to discharge the Ballance of his said account.

The Governor having received by the last Packet a Letter from the right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, dated the 4th day of August last, enclosing His Majesty's Orders in Council, respecting thirty acts of Assembly passed in this Province, with an Instrument of Writing, under the Privy Seal, adjudging and declaring one of the said acts to be void, and a like instrument signifying his Majesty's disallowance of one other of the said Laws, laid the same before the Board, which was severally read and are as follow, Viz^t:

"WHITEHALL, 4th August, 1773.

"Sir:

"Inclosed, I send you by the King's Command, an Order of his Majesty in Council of the 7th of April last, upon a Consideration of several Laws passed in Pennsylvania in March and September 1772; also, an order in Council of the 19th of May last, upon an Act passed in March, 1772. I likewise transmit to you, in order to their being published, two Instruments which have passed under the Privy Seal, signifying his Majesty's adjudication and declaration of two of the Acts therein mentioned to be void.

"I am, Sir,

"Your most obedient humble Servant,

"DARTMOUTH.

"Deputy Govr of Pennsylvania."

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At the Court of St. James's, the 19th day of May, 1773.

PRESENT.

[*L. S.*] THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Lord President,	Earl of Bristol,
Duke of Queensberry,	Earl of Pomfret,
Duke of Ancaster,	Viscount Falmouth,
Lord Chamberlain,	Lord Edgecumbe,
Earl of Denbigh,	Lord Hyde,
Earl of Sandwich,	James Stuart Mackenzie, Esqr.

Whereas, there was this day read at the Board, a Representation from the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation affairs, upon an Act passed in the Province of Pennsylvania in March 1772, for Naturalizing William Hembell, which representation is dated this day, and is in the words following, vizt:

"Your Majesty having been pleased by your order in Council of the 15th of January last, to referr to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, several acts passed in the Province of Pennsilvania, and amongst others an act Passed there in March 1772, entituled

"An Act to enable William Hembell of the City of Philadelphia, Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural born Subject of this Province.

"The said Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, pursuant to your Majesty's aforementioned order of Referrence, have reported to this Committee, that this act contains the like Clauses and Provisions with an Act passed for similar purposes, stated in a Report of the said Lords Commissioners of the 13th of April 1772, to which they Referr, and submit what advice may be proper to be given to your Majesty thereupon; And the Lords of the Committee having thought Proper to refer this Matter to your Majesty's attorney and Solicitor General, to Consider thereof, and report to this Committee their opinion, whether the exercise of such Powers by the Legislature of the Province of Pennsylvania be not repugnant to the act of Parliament, passed in the 13th year of King George the second, entituled 'An Act for naturalizing such Foreign Protestants, and others therein mentioned, as are settled or shall settle in any of his Majesty's Colonies in America,' and to the several acts of Parliament passed in this Kingdom for regulating the Plantation Trade, your Majesty's said Attorney and Solicitor General have accordingly reported to this Committee, "That there is nothing in the act which is repugnant to the act of the Thirteenth of King George the Second, but they are of Opinion, that the Privileges which this Act offers to confer, are considerably more extensive than any Provincial Assembly hath Authority to give. That it hath been doubted whether the Parliament of Ireland, which is a Kingdom, & of Great antiquity, could Naturalize to any

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effect, and proved irrefragably; that it could not give, as this act imports, all the Privileges of a natural Born Subject in any other place than that Island. The doubt was conceived upon this, that the King cannot Naturallize, and their Power is derived from his Majesty's Charter, and it had never been used before the tenth of King Charles the first; which Objections apply much more distinctly in point of Fact and History to the American Colonies. But supposing they are thought competent to naturalize to Effects merely local, and which don't interfere with the Laws of Great Britain, The act now under Consideration is exceptionable, because it purports to give all the qualities of a natural born Subject of Great Britain, and particularly the Liberty of Trading contrary to the Plantation Act." The Lords of the Committee, upon Consideration of what is above stated in the report of your Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General, do agree humbly to represent to your Majesty as their opinion, that it may be adviseable for your Majesty to adjudge and declare, under your Privy Seal, the aforementioned Act for naturalizing William Hembell to be void.

"His Majesty taking the said representation into Consideration, is pleased with the advice of his privy Council to approve thereof, and having adjudged and declared void the aforementioned act passed in Pennsylvania in March, 1772, entituled "An Act to enable William Hembell of the City of Philadelphia, Taylor, to hold Lands and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural born Subject of this Province."

"His Majesty hath thought proper to direct the Lord Privy Seal to prepare and pass, under the Privy Seal, a proper instrument signifying such his Majesty's Adjudication and Declaration of the said act to be void, and the Proprietaries of the province of Pennsylvania, their Lieutenant or deputy Governor, and the Assembly of the said Province, and likewise all others whom it may Concern, are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

"STEPH. COTTRELL."

The Board having Considered of the manner of Publishing his Majesty's Repeal of the two Laws mentioned in the above Instruments, agreed that the same should be done by a Proclamation, which was prepared by the Secretary, and being approved, was ordered to be published in the several News-Papers.

The Proclamation follows in these words, viz:

"*By the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, His Majesty, by an Instrument of Writing under the Privy Seal, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of April Last,

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Lately Transmitted to me by one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, has been pleased to adjudge and declare void an act of Assembly of this Province, passed in March, 1772, intituled "An Act to dissolve the Marriage of George Keemple of the City of Philadelphia, Barber, with Elizabeth his wife, late Elizabeth Miller, and to enable him to marry again." *And Whereas*, his Majesty, by a like Instrument, under the Privy Seal, bearing date the eighth day of June last, did also adjudge and declare void one other act of Assembly of this Province, passed in March, 1772, intituled "An Act to enable William Hembell of the City of Philadelphia, Taylor, to hold lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural Subject of this Province." I have therefore thought fit to signify and make known the same to all persons within this Government, in order that they may take notice thereof, and Govern themselves accordingly.

"*Given* under my Hand and the great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the eleventh day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, and in the Thirteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, and so forth.

"JOHN PENN.

"By his Honour's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junr. Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

Council Chamber, the 15th day of October, 1773.

A Committee of the Assembly waited on the Governor yesterday, and acquainted him that, pursuant to the Charter of Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Representatives had met and chosen their Speaker, and requested to know at what time his Honour would be pleased to receive the House, that he may be presented for his Honour's approbation. The Governor having appointed this day at 12 o'Clock for that Purpose, acquainted the House by the Secretary, that he attended his appointment in the Council Chamber, and was ready to receive the House with their Speaker.

The whole House then waited on the Governor, and presented Joseph Galloway, Esquire, as their Speaker, who, after receiving the Governor's approbation, claimed the usual Privileges in the name and behalf of the House, to which the Governor replied that they were undoubtedly essential in a Representative Body, and that he would at all Times protect the House in the full enjoyment of them.

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Eodem Die, P. M.

The Governor sent down to the Assembly by the Secretary for their Perusal, His Majesty's Orders in Council, of the seventh day of April and 19th day of May last, respecting 30 Laws passed in this Province, with two Instruments under the Privy Seal, declaring two of the said Laws to be null and void, which papers are entered on the Council Minutes of the 11th of this Month.

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Saturday, October 16th, 1773.

Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor, and acquainted him that the House inclined to adjourn to Monday the 29th of November next, if his Honour had no objection thereto. The Governor replied that he had no Objection to their Proposed adjournment.

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MEMORANDUM, the 19th of October, 1773.

The returns of Sheriffs and Coroners for the Counties of Westmoreland and Sussex being now made, the Governor was pleased to Commissionate the the Persons following as Sheriffs and Coroners of their respective Counties, Viz[t]:

Names of Counties.	Officers.	Names of Officers.	Sheriff's Sureties.
Westmoreland.	Sheriff.	John Procter.	William Lochry.
	Coroner.	James Kinkead.	Robert Hanna.
Sussex.	Sheriff.	Thos. Robinson.	
	Coroner.	John Draper,	

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New Castle, the 21st of October, 1773, P. M.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and Acquainted him that the House had met yesterday, pursuant to the Charter of this Government, and having Chosen their Speaker, requested to know when and where the House should wait on His Honor, in order to present him, and the Governor having answered that he should be ready to receive the House for that Purpose immediately at his Lodgings, The House accordingly waited on him, and presented Cæser Rodney, Esqr as their Speaker, who being approved by the Governor, claimed the usual Privileges,

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which the Governor acknowledged were essential in a representative Body, and assured them of his protection therein, and then the House withdrew.

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Eodem die.

A Committee of Assembly delivered a Verbal Message from the House to the Governor, acquainting him that they proposed to present an address to his Honor, and Requested to known at what time it would be agreeable to him to receive the same. The Governor appointed to-morrow Morning at the Hour of eleven for that purpose.

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Friday, October 22d, 1773, A. M.

The Assembly waited on the Governor, and the Speaker presented him an address in the following words, Viz^t^:

"*To the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, upon Delaware, and Province of Pennsylvania.*

"May it please your Honor:

"We, the Representatives of the Freemen of the Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, upon Delaware, beg leave to wait upon your Honor with our sincere Congratulations upon your Reaccession to the Government and Chief Command of this Colony.

"The felicity the good People of this Government enjoyed under your former Administration, and that of our late Worthy Governor, gives us a well grounded prospect of future happiness, whilst one of your Honorable Family Presides over us; and we Confess we feel a particular satisfaction in being governed Personally by one of our Proprietors, whose true interests and that of our Constituents are so intimately Connected.

"Your tender regard for our Laws, and Civil and Religious liberties, during your Continuance in the Chief Command of these Counties for many years heretofore, very deservedly engaged the esteem and affection of the People; and we now assure your Honor that we still retain the same Sentiments, and have an earnest desire to Continue that perfect Harmony and good understanding which has hitherto subsisted between you and the Assemblies

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here, wishing for nothing more than to be able to give your Honor the most convincing Proofs of it.

"Signed by order of the House.

"CŒSER RODNEY, *Speaker.*

"October 21st, 1773."

To which the Governor was pleased to return an answer in these words, Viz^t:

"Gentlemen:

"I am very sincerely thankful for the kind and respectful Expressions of your address, which give me the highest Satisfaction, as the afford me an agreeable testimony not only of your approbation of my former administration, but of your Confidence in my future Conduct.

"I have a pleasing remembrance of the Harmony which subsisted between me and former Assemblies of these Counties, and shall always Chearfully concur with you in promoting the Continuance of so great a Public Advantage.

"As you cannot be more sensible than I am of the Intimate connection between the true Interests of the Proprietaries and your Constituents, I flatter myself you will always find me equally Solicitous to preserve it; and being sincerely disposed to promote the Happiness and Prosperity of the People you represent, I hope your expectations from the Personal Government of one of your Proprietaries will not be disappointed.

"JOHN PENN.

"October 22d, 1773."

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MEMORANDUM, the 30th of October, 1773.

The Office of Chief Justice of the Supream Court of the Government of the Lower Counties being Vacant by the Death of John Nining, Esquire, The Governor was this day pleased to Issue three district Commissions, appointing Richard McWilliam, Esquire, Chief Justice, Cæsor Rodney, Esqre second Justice, and Samuel Chew, Esqre third Justice of the said Court.

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November 3d, 1773.

The Governor was this day pleased to issue a General Commission, appointing Richard McWilliam, Cæsar Rodney, Samuel Chew, and David Hall, Esquires, Justices of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery for the Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.

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November 4th, 1773.

Upon Dr. Finney's resignation of the Office of Naval officer for the Port and district of New Castle, The Governor was this day pleased to appoint his Son, David Finney, Esquire, to succeed him in that Office.

New Castle, the 6th November, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

} Esquires, Members of the Council.

The Assembly having since the Governor's attendance at this place, sent up to him six Bills which they had prepared during their Present sitting, they were severally read and duly considered; and a few amendments being made to two of them, to which the Assembly having for the most part acceded, they were all at different times returned to the House by the Secretary, with Messages that the Governor agreed to pass them into Laws whenever they should be presented to him for that purpose. The said Bills are entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"An Act for erecting a Bridge and Causeway over Lewes Creek, from the Town of Lewes to the Cape side of the said Creek, in the County of Sussex."

"An Act for the encouragement of the Owners of Mills within this Government, and for the Repealing of an Act of Assembly entituled 'An Act to encourage the building of good Mills in this Government, and the Supplement thereto,' passed in the 34th Year of his late Majesty's Reign."

"An Act to prevent the Counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colonies."

"An Act for making perpetual a former act entituled 'An Act for amending the Laws relating to Testamentary affairs, and for the better Intestates' Estates,' except such parts thereof as are hereby altered and amended."

"An Act to enable the owners and Possessors of several Tracts of Meadow Marsh and Cripple, on Augustine Creek and Silver run, in New Castle County, to make the Banks, Dams, and Sluices in Repair, and to raise a Fund to defray the Yearly expences accruing thereon;" and

"An Amendment to an Act entituled 'A Supplement to an act entituled 'An Act to enable the owners and Possessors of the Marsh Meadows on the North side of Christiana River, called Brandywine Marsh, and a Tract of Meadow Marsh and Cripple, on the south

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side of the said River, called Holland's Creek Marsh, and also of a Tract of Marsh Meadow, near New Port, called Conrad's Cripple, to keep the Banks, Dams, and Sluices in Repair, and to raise a Fund to defray the Expences thereof,' so far as the same relates to the said Holland's Creek Marsh.'"

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Message, desiring to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the House, in order to pass the several Bills to which he had given his assent; To which his Honor replied that he should be ready to receive the House for that Purpose at his Lodgings in half an hour. The Speaker and the whole House attended accordingly, and presented the six Bills above mentioned, which the Governor enacted into Laws, signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal to them, and directed the Secretary to accompany two members of Assembly to see them sealed and Deposited in the Rolls office.

Before the House withdrew, the Speaker presented to the Governor orders on the Trustees of the Loan office for £250, for which his Honor return'd the House his Thanks.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday the 6th December, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Richard Peters,	Andrew Allen,	
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, jun^r^,	

The Governor laid before the Board a Transcript of a Record of the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster, by which it appears that Samuel Brandt, of the said County of Lancaster, was Convicted of Felony and Murder, committed on the Body of a certain Valentine Brandt, and had received Sentence of Death for the same, and the Judges of the said Court having reported no circumstances in favor of the Criminal, it was the opinion of the Board that the Sentence of the Court should be executed against him on Saturday the 18th of December Instant, and the Governor directed a Warrant to be Issued for that Purpose accordingly.

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At a Council at Philadelphia, on Thursday 9th December, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Thomas Cadwallader,	Edward Shippen, jun^r.	
James Tilghman,		

The Board taking into due consideration an Application made to the Governor by Mr. Judah Foulke, the Present Clerk of the Market of the City of Philadelphia, to be appointed the Officer for keeping the Standard Weights and Measures for the County of of Philadelphia, advised the Governor to appoint Mr. Foulke to the said Office, and the Governor directed the Secretary to make out a Commission accordingly.

The Governor laid before the Board a Petition from the Magistrates, Grand Jury, and other principal Inhabitants of Northumberland County, which was read, and follows in these words; Viz^t.

"*To the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, one of the Proprietaries, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c.*

"*The Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of Northumberland County, in the said Province, humbly Sheweth:*

"That your Petitioners being seated, in Consequence of regular Purchases from the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, in the said County of Northumberland, within the known Limits, and under the Protection of the Laws of the Province of Pennsylvania, have nevertheless been under the necessity of Combating and struggling with many Difficulties and Embarrassments of so alarming a nature as scarce to be parallelled in the History of any Civilized Country; that the Colony of Connecticut sets up a Claim to the lands seated, improved, and rendered Valuable by your Petitioner's Labour; happy might your Petitioners be, would those Claimants bring their Pretensions to some Tribunal whose decision would equally bind both Parties, but with them Violence usurps the Place of Argument, and force of Legal Decision; that about two years agoe a number of your Petitioners were in a Hostile manner ousted of their Possessions at Wyoming, and Cruelly Stripped and Plundered of their Effects; that, not content with the acquisition of Wyoming and the Parts adjacent, sundry attempts have been made to extend their Conquests. A large Body of Armed Men from Connecticut in June last attempted to dispossess the Inhabitants of the West Branch of Susquehanna, and, though prevented, it was not without much Fatigue, Expence, and Great Danger of Bloodshed;

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these People, lawless among themselves, afford an Assylum and secure Retreat to disorderly Persons, not only of this Government, but of all the neighbouring Provinces, by which accessions, and the Constant Countenance of the Colony of Connecticut, their numbers have of late greatly increased; that the avowal of their Intentions is uniformly the same, especially since the account from Connecticut that "the Government has openly espoused their Cause, and taken them under their Protection." Deplorable indeed must be the situation of your Petitioners, if called on to defend by Force of Arms their Infant Settlements against the Power of a whole Colony; that the Consequence must be ruin to their fortunes and Families in their present distracted Situation; as common Subjects of the Province, and entituled to the Protection of the Laws, your Petitioners cannot help looking up to your Honor for the aid of Governm't; they have hitherto maintained an unequal Contest, possessed of Property themselves, they have been obliged with arms in their hands to defend it against those who had no property, subject themselves to Law; they have had to Contend with those who refused Subjection to any Law, and have not been able to reduce them to order, which is confessing a Weakness they can no longer conceal; that the whole Posse of the County is not sufficient to enforce the Laws at Wyoming, and as the Inhabitants have not hitherto been able to prevent the Continuance of the Connecticut Intruders in that Part of the Province contrary to Law, and the Repeated Proclamations of Government, they fear their utmost Efforts will not be sufficient to keep their Possessions without the Interposition and Protection of the Legislature, which therefore, they Implore, and from the known Clemency and Justice of the administration, consider themselves as having reason to expect."

The said Petition being taken into Consideration, it was the opinion of the Board that the same should be laid before the Assembly, accompanyed by a Message from the Governor to enforce it; Mr. Chew, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Shippen, are appointed to prepare a Draught of a Proper Message for that Purpose.

The Secretary laid before the Board a new Return and Draught of the Public Road or King's Highway, from the Middle Ferry on Schuylkill to the Village of Strasburg, in Lancaster County, as the same was resurveyed and laid out, with the Errors and Mistakes made in the former Survey Corrected pursuant to an Order of Council of the fourth day of February last. The said return and draught being taken into Consideration by the Board, it is ordered and adjudged, that the Road as therein mentioned to be resurveyed and laid out, be forever hereafter a Public Road or King's Highway. And it is further Ordered that the Supervisors of the High Ways for the Several Townships in the Counties of Philadelphia, Chester and Lancaster, through which the said Road leads, do, with all convenient speed, cause the same to be Cleared and opened of the Breadth of sixty feet through their Respective Townships, accord-

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ing to the Courses and distances set forth in the said Return of Survey, which follows in these words, Viz^t:

"*To the Honourable RICHARD PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, and to his Council.*

"We, the Subscribers, do Certifie that in pursuance of an Order of the said Governor and Council, bearing date the fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand Seven hundred and seventy-three, directing 'Joseph Fox, Jacob Lewis, Daniel Williams, John Morton, John Sellers, and James Webb, or any four of them, to re-examine and Compare the Courses and Distances of the late laid out Provincial Road from the Middle Ferry, on Schuylkill, to the Village of Strasburg, and to correct any Error or Errors that were made in the Former return of the said Road, &c^a;' We, the said Subscribers, have re-surveyed and Measured the most part of the said Road, and having corrected the few mistakes made in the former Survey, do dow, in Obedience to the said Order, make return of a new Survey and measurement thereof in manner following, to wit: Begining at the middle of the West end of the said Middle Ferry Wharf; thence extending North seventy degrees, West four hundred and eighty-nine perches to a marked Black Oak, standing eleven perches and two Links from Thomas Harris's House, in Range with the East side thereof; thence West thirteen perches to a stone, thence South seventy-one degrees, west twenty-four perches to the Mill creek; thence the last Course continued ten perches to a marked Hickory; thence North Eighty-three degrees, West five hundred and sixty-seven perches to a marked white Oak, within four perches of Cob's Creek, and half a perch below the present Bridge; thence North Fifty-seven degrees, West, crossing said Creek, thirty-six perches to a heap of Stones, (three perches southwest of a Ditch or Water Course); thence South eighty-two degrees and a half, west one hundred and fifty-eight perches to a marked White Oak, standing fourteen perches and two links South, seventeen degrees west of the Southernmost point of John Sellers's Old Meadow and Mill Race; thence as near as may be, North seventy-three degrees and a half West so as to strike a marked White Oak in the Northwest corner of John Lewis's Field by the Bars, one and a quarter perch from said Lewis's Meadow Water Course, and on the South side of the Road leading from said Lewis's House to Haverford Road, and to continue said Course with little variation in the whole eleven hundred and eighty-eight perches to a stake and heap of Stones in William Laurence's Field near the Head of a spring, in which stands a Hollow Maple; South Forty-nine degrees West distant four perches

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and three-tenths of a perch, and said William Lawrence's Stone dwelling House stands North three degrees, West from said stake and heap of Stones; thence North seventy degrees, West one hundred Perches to a heap of Stones in a Field of said Lawrence's, from which said Lawrence has a Log House standing North thirty-eight degrees East; thence North eighty-seven degrees and a half, west forty-eight perches to a small Rock by the side of the Present Path from which the clif of the side of an upright Larger Rock bears North forty-nine degrees, East distant four perches, into the Northermost part of the said Clif; thence North Sixty degrees and a half, West twenty-three perches to Darby Creek, a few feet below the Present and old Fording place; thence the last Course Continued across said Creek fifty-seven perches to a heap of Stones, from which Thomas Powell's new Log House bears North fifty-three degrees, East distant five perches and a half a perch; thence north forty degrees and a half, West forty-six perches to a Stake in said Powell's Field; thence North Seventy-six degrees and a quarter, West seven perches to a large Spanish Oak marked; thence the last course continued five hundred and ninety-four perches to a Black Oak Stump between two Hollows, and in or on the side of an old Road; thence North eighty-three degrees, West one hundred and eighty-eight perches to a large Cherry Tree by the side of the Old Road, and opposite the North-West end of Richard Fowkes's House; thence North seventy-eight degrees, West eighty-seven perches to a Stake, opposite a Hollow that is Northward in said Fowke's Field; thence North Seventy degrees and a half, West one hundred and fifty-three perches to a Stake in the Intersection of two Roads, and between a School House and Nathaniel Newland's Smith Shop; thence South eighty-seven degrees and a half, West three hundred and Forty-seven perches to a Stake in the Lane and Road crossing William Reese's Land, four perches South of a small Hollow leading into his Tenant, Phillip Sheaf's field and Meadow; thence North eighty-five degrees, West one hundred and forty-nine perches to a Black Oak by the side of a Fence, in or near the line between the said William Reese's Land and Nathan Lewis's; thence North sixty-nine degrees, West eighty-eight perches to a marked White Oak, standing four perches and three quarters of a Perch East from Crum Creek; thence North seventy-eight degrees, West across said Crum Creek, and Passing seven feet Southeast of a large Rock in Francis Yarnal's Field, one hundred and sixty perches to a Stake on the North Side of the Present Old Road, and on the West edge of a ditch or Water Course six feet South of an Ash Tree; thence South eighty-six degrees, West nearly along the Old Road eighty perches to a large marked Chestnut tree, opposite said Yarnal's lane; thence North seventy-three degrees, West four hundred and thirty perches to a Stake and heap of Stones in a hollow near a Tan Yard, the Bark Mill House bearing South forty-one degrees, West distant fourteen perches; thence North sixty-four degrees,

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West two hundred and fifty-four perches to a stake and heap of Stones in Isaac Garrett's Field, from which the Chimney of said Garrett's old house stands South thirty degrees East, and a heap of earth and stones, (formerly a Smith's Hearth) bears North fourteen degrees and a half, East distant twenty-six perches by the side of an Old Road; thence North eighty-four degrees, West four hundred and fifty-nine perches into an old road Eighteen perches, Southerly of Jesse Garrett's Stone House, and in range with the West end thereof; thence North Seventy-six degrees and a half, West as near as may be, to go between Isaac Williams's House and Spring House, two perches South of his House, and in range with the West end of said House three hundred and twenty perches; thence the last Course Continued with a little variation Northward, nine hundred and eighty perches to the Oak Tree on which the sign of the Boot hangs; thence North seventy-three degrees, West one hundred and twenty-eight Perches into the middle of the Old Road, opposite Captain Harper's House, distant four perches from the Front of said House; thence South eighty-nine degrees and a half, West four hundred and sixteen perches into the middle of the said Old Road, opposite three small Chesnut trees marked on the North side thereof; thence South sixty-three degrees and a half, West one hundred and forty-eight perches to the middle of said Old Road, opposite the East Corner of a Field on the North side of the Old Road at two perches distant from said Field; thence South seventy four degrees and a half, West two hundred and seventy-two perches to a stake at the West end of a Row of Cherry Trees along side of the Old Road; thence South eighty-eight degrees and a half, West seventy-two perches to a stake in Wilmington Road near a Smith Shop; thence North sixty-one degrees West ninety-two perches to a stake on the North-east side of the old Road; thence North seventy-six degrees and a half West seventy-two perches to a stake; thence North sixty-eight degrees and a half West forty-nine perches to a stake, on the west side of said Old Road; thence North forty-eight degrees and a half West fifty-six perches to a stake in the Turn of said Road, about four perches from the Bottom of a Hill; thence South eighty-two degrees and a half West three hundred and forty-four perches to Josh^a. Baldwin's line; thence South eighty-six degrees and a half West three hundred and fifty perches to the East side of Brandywine, at the old Fording place; thence the last Course Continued across Brandywine one hundred and twenty-five perches into the old Conestoga Road; thence South seventy-three degrees West along said Conestoga Road, one hundred and sixty-three perches to the Post whereon the Sign of the Ship Hangs, in the old Conestoga Road opposite Thomas Parke's House; thence South seventy degrees and a half West three hundred and sixty-two perches to a marked Chestnut tree by the West side of Curtis Lewis's Field; thence South eighty-eight degrees and a half West two hundred and sixty-eight

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perches to a marked Black Oak in Thomas Pim's Lane; thence South seventy-seven degrees and a quarter West eight hundred and sixty-eight perches to a tree in the old Road whereon Alexander Fleming's sign hangs; thence the last course continued, two hundred and fourteen perches to a Spanish Oak on the Brow of the Hill on the side of the old Road; thence South sixty-eight degrees West fifty-two perches to a marked Oak on the East side of the West Branch of Brandeywine, a few feet below the Present Road and Fording place; thence crossing the said Creek South sixty-six degrees and three-quarters West eighty perches to a stake; thence South sixty-nine degrees and a half West one hundred and twenty perches to a stake; thence South seventy-eight degrees and a half West two hundred and eighty perches to a small Crab-tree, by the side of an old Road; thence South Seventy-two degrees and three-quarters West three hundred and eight perches to a marked Ash Tree on the side of a small run, a little below a Spring in John Scott's Field; thence South Seventy-eight degrees West two hundred and twenty perches to Wilmington Road; thence crossing said Wilmington Road, North seventy-eight degrees and a half West two hundred and forty perches to a Stump on the East side of a Branch of Buck-Run; thence South seventy-nine degrees West one hundred and eighteen perches opposite to Thomas Truman's Store-house; thence South eighty-four degrees West two hundred and sixty-two perches to a stake, in the Old Road opposite to Thomas Marshe's; thence North Seventy-two degrees and a half West two hundred and ninety-eight perches to an old House of John Boggs's, on the South side of the present old Road; thence North seventy-four degrees West three hundred and sixty-eight perches to a stake, at the Head of a Hollow, a little to the westward of a line dividing the Lands of William Moore and William Powell; thence North seventy-nine degrees West five hundred and twenty perches to a marked Ash; thence North sixty degrees West three hundred and one perches to opposite the Head of a Spring near Samuel Simond's House; thence North Seventy-two degrees and a half West two hundred and sixty-two perches to a stake, in an old Road forty-nine feet south of the Front Door of Francis Leeche's Public House; thence North thirty-five degrees West seventy-four perches to a stake, twenty-seven feet West of a Stone Spring House, by the side of an old Road in the Gap; thence North Eleven degrees and a half West eleven perches to a stake and stone; thence North fifty degrees West nineteen perches to a Spanish Oak; thence North eighty-nine degrees West two thousand three hundred and thirty-eight perches to a stake; thence South eighty-eight degrees West two hundred and nineteen perches to a large White Oak; thence North seventy-two degrees West forty-nine perches to a stone opposite to Docherly's old House; thence North eighty-four degrees fifty minutes West, along Strasburg street one hundred and eighty perches to the Intersection of a

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Road leading from thence to Lancaster; which Survey and Measurement, together with a Draught of said Road hereunto annexed, We return and Submit to the Governor and Council aforesaid, for their Consideration and Confirmation, as in and by the said recited Order we are directed and required.

In Testimony whereof we have to this set our Hands and Seals; dated the 5th day of June, in the 13th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, King of Great Britain, &c., and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three.

Note the Words—and a half West—a branch of—Between the forty and forty-first lines, was enterlined before Signing and sealing hereof.

(Exam'd.)

JAMES WEBB, [L. S.]
JACOB LEWIS, [L. S.]
DANL. WILLIAMS, [L. S.]
JOHN MORTON, [L. S.]
JOHN SELLERS, [L. S.]
JOS. HOX, [L. S.]

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Tuesday 14th December, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Edward Shippen, Junr.

The Committee appointed on Thursday last to prepare a Message to the Assembly, laid a Draught of one before the Board, which being read and approved, was ordered to be fairly Transcribed and carried to the House by the Secretary, with the Petition to which it refers. The Message follows in these Words, Viz.t:

"Gentlemen.

"The distresses of the Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, expressed in their Petition, which will be delivered to you by the Secretary, appear to be of a very alarming Nature, and justly to call for the particular attention of this Government.

"The Insolent Outrages of a set of Men who have long bid defiance to the Laws of the Country, and have afforded Protection to Offenders of the most Henious kind, ought not, Certainly, in a Well regulated Society, to be suffered to pass with Impunity; but when these men embody themselves, sally forth with arms in their Hands, and in a Warlike Manner attempt to dispossess the peaceable Inhabitants of the County lately laid out and Established by act of Assembly, within the known bounds of the Province, it is a

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procedure of so dangerous a Tendency as not only to threaten the Destruction of that Infant County, but strikes at the Peace of the whole Province.

"I think it therefore Incumbent on me, Gentlemen, to recommend this Matter to your most serious Consideration, and to request you will Fall upon such Measures as will Strengthen the Hands of Government on this Extraordinary and alarming Occasion, repel the Violence of these lawless Intruders, and afford the Petitioners that Immediate Protection and Relief which their Necessities and Situation Require.

"JOHN PENN.

"December 14th, 1773."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday the 15th December, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, junr. }

Eliphalet Dyer, William Samuel Johnson, and Jedediah Strong, Esquires, of Connecticut, appeared at the Board, and being Introduced to the Governor, delivered him a letter from Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, Governor of that Colony, acquainting him with the appointment of those Gentlemen by the General Assembly of the said Colony, as a Committee to Treat with the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, and the Agent or Agents of the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, relative to Lands within the Limits of this Province, and claimed by the Governor and Company of the Said Colony of Connecticut, which Letter was read, and follows in these words, Viz.:

"LEBANON, 22d November, 1773.

"Sir:

"The case hath been stated, and Council of the first Emminence in Great Britain Consulted, on the Right and Title of the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut to the lands within the Limits and Bounds of their Patent, lying Westward of the Province of New York. Nothwithstanding the several Settlements of Boundaries between the Colony on the East and the Province on the West, made as well by agreement between the Parties as under the Royal Authority, and notwithstanding the Subsequent Charter to Sir William Penn, their Opinion is in favor of the Right and Title of the said Governor and Company to such Lands. They have also directed the Course of Proceedings which will be legal and expedient for the Governor and company to pursue. This was done in order to give greater Satisfaction and to terminate all Disputes and Differences relative to such Lands.

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"The General Assembly of his Collony, holden at New Haven, in October last, Resolved to make their Claim to their Lands, and in a legal manner to support the same. Thereupon, Coll^r Dyer, Doct^r Johnson, and Mr. Strong, are duly appointed and Commissioned to treat with your Honor and the Agent or Agents of the Proprietaries of Pennsilvania, on that Subject. And further, to Consult and agree with you upon such Measures as shall tend to preserve Peace and good order among the Inhabitants on such Lands, and prevent mutual Violence and Contention during the time the Boundaries between this Colony and your Province remain undetermined.

"We do not doubt the Complyance of the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania to a legal and constitutional decision of the Case in question, nor your readiness to agree on proper Measures to preserve Peace and Good Order in the mean time.

"I am with great Truth and Regard, Sir,

"Your most Obedient and Humble Servant,

"JON^TH. TRUMBULL.

"The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire."

The said Committee then produced to the Governor Copies of two Resolves, and of an Act of the General Assembly of Connecticut, respecting their Claim to Lands within the Bounds of this Province, which were severally read in their Order, and are as follows, Viz^t.:

At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, in America, holden at New Haven, in said Colony, on the second Thursday of October, A. Dom., 1773:

"*Resolved*, that this Assembly at this time, will assert their Claim, and in some proper way support such claim, to those lands contained within the Limits and Boundaries of the Charter of this Colony, which are Westward of the Province of New York."

[L. S.] A true Copy of Record, Examined by

GEORGE WYLLYS, Secre^t.

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At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, in America, holden at New Haven in said Colony, on the Second Thursday of October, A. Dom., 1773:

"*Resolved* by this Assembly, that the Committee who shall proceed to Philadelphia to treat with the Honourable John Penn, Esquire, Governor of Pennsylvania, relative to the Western Lands belonging to this Colony, within the claim of the Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, do also treat with the said Gover-

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nor with respect to the Peace of the Inhabitants who are settled upon said Lands, and to agree upon such Measures as shall tend to preserve good order, and prevent mutual Violence and Contention while the Boundaries between this Colony and the said Province shall remain undetermined.

[L. S.] A True Copy of Record, Examined By
GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret.

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At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, in America, holden at New Haven in said Colony, on the second thursday of October, A. Dom., 1773:

An Act concerning the Western Lands, so called, lying Westward of Delaware River, within the Boundaries of this Collony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Honourable Mathew Griswold, Esqr, Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr, Roger Sherman, Esqr, William Samuel Johnson, Esqr, Samuel H. Parsons, Silas Dean, William Williams, and Jedediah Strong, Esqr be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, with Full Power to assist his Honor, Governor Trumbull, in stating and taking proper steps to pursue the Claim of this Colony to said Westward Lands, and any three of the aforesaid Committee are hereby authorized and directed to proceed, as soon as may be convenient, to Philadelphia, to wait on his Honour, Governor Penn, with the Resolutions of this Assembly, and such Letter or Letters as his Honor, Governor Trumbull, with the advice of said Committee, shall write to his Hon^r the s^d Governor Penn, on that Subject, and with Power to treat with said Governor Penn, and the Agent or Agents of the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, respecting an amicable agreement between this Colony and the aforesaid Proprietaries, concerning the Boundaries of this Colony and the Province of Pennsylvania, and in case the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania shall agree amicably to settle and ascertain the Boundaries between this Colony and said Province, or to enter into a Negociation on that Subject, then and in such case the said Committee, or the Major Part of them, be, and are hereby appointed, authorized, and Impowered to treat with his Hon^r Governor Penn, and the rest of said Proprietaries, and agree upon and ascertain the Boundaries Between this Colony and the Claim of said Proprietaries, and such agreement to lay before this Assembly for Confirmation, but if said Proprietaries shall prefer joining in an application to his Majesty for Commissioners to settle said line, then and in such case said Committee are hereby authorized and directed to Join on Behalf of this Colony in such application.

[L. S.] A true Copy of Record, Examined by
GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret'y.

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The Board, after a Conferrence with the Committee, and on a due Consideration of the several Matters contained in the said Resolves and act of Assembly, acquainted the Committee as their Opinion, that it was necessary for them to lay before the Governor the precise extent of their Claim in Writing, to Lands within the Bounds of this Province, before the Board Could properly give any answer to their Proposals, to which the Committee made no Objection, but desired that this requisition should likewise be made to them in Writing, which was agreed to; Whereupon, after the Committee had withdrawn, the following Letter was prepared at the Table, and sent by the Governor to the Committee, Viz^{t}:

"PHILADELPHIA, the 15th of December, 1773.

"Gentlemen:

"I have taken into consideration the Letter you this day delivered me from Governor Trumbull, and the act of Assembly and the Several Resolves of the Governor and Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, respecting their Claim of Lands within the Province of Pennsylvania, and appointing You a Committee, with power to treat with me and the Proprietary Agents, respecting an amicable Settlement of That Claim.

"As a step previous to my treating with you on this Subject, it appears to me necessary and proper that you should lay before me in *Writing*, the precise extent of their Claim, which I request you will favor me with as soon as possible, and am, Gentlemen,

"Your most obedient Humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To ELIPHALET DYER, WILLIAM SAMUEL JOHNSON, and JEDEDIAH STRONG, Esq^{rs}, a Committee from the Collony of Connecticut."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday the 17th of December, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esqr, Governor.

Benjamin Chew,
James Tilghman,
Edward Shippen, jun^{r}, } Esquires.

The Governor received a Letter yesterday from the Connecticut Commissioners, which follows in these Words, Viz^{t}:

"PHILADELPHIA, 15th December, 1773.

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"We beg leave to return your Honor our sincere thanks for the early attention you have been pleased to give to the Papers we had the Honor to lay before you this Morning.

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"From those Papers it is apparent that we are directed to treat only upon the Claims therein mentioned, and are to negociate rather a mode of obtaining an amicable Settlement of the Controversy between the Colony and the Proprietaries, than an Actual and precise Settlement of the line and Boundaries between them. We therefore apprehend that the Claim on the part of the Colony of Connecticut is, to the purpose of the Negociation with which we are Charged, sufficiently designated in the Acts of Assembly now before you. But as we bring with us the most sincere Disposition to effect, if Possible, an Amicable Settlement of this Controversy, that we may give every Facility in our Power towards the Accomplishment of so very desirable an Object, we will further mention to you that the Title to the Lands in Question, on the Part of the Colony of Connecticut, is principally founded upon the Royal Charter to the Governor and Company of that Collony, from his late Majesty, King Charles the Second, dated at Westminster, Anno. 1662. The Boundaries of which are thus Expressed, Viz^{t}: "All that part of our Dominions in New England, in America, bounden on the East by Narraganset River, commonly called Narraganset Bay, where the said River falleth into the Sea, and on the North by the line of the Massechusets Plantation, and on the South by the Sea, and in Longitude as the line of the Massechusetts Collony, running from East to West, That is to say, from the said Narraganset Bay on the East, to the South Sea on the West, with the Islands thereunto joining, together with all firm Lands, &c., which Limits and Boundaries do include a Considerable part of the Lands afterwards Granted by the Crown to Sir William Penn in 1681, and which Constitute a part of the Province of Pennsylvania, as now claimed by the Proprietaries, but what part, in Certain of those Lands, are so contained within the Limits of the Pryor Patent to Connecticut, can be known only by actually runing and ascertaining the Lines of that Patent, which we conceive will be best done by Commissioners mutually appointed by the Colony and the Honorable Proprietaries; and we, on the part or the Colony, are now ready to agree to such Commissioners, who shall be fully authorized to execute the same in the most effectual manner, as soon as possible. We are at the same time sensible that a doubt may arise in what direction the Southern Line of the Patent of Connecticut shall cross the Patent to Sir William Penn, whether agreeable to the ancient Boundary of New England, at the 40th degree of North Lattitude, according to the Course of the Sea or Sound, upon which the Grant to Connecticut is in part bounded, Viz^{t}, in a Course nearly W. S. W., or according to the Course of the Southern line of the Province of the Massechusets Bay, which is the Northern line of Connecticut, and is nearly East and West, which we conceive may well be left to be discussed before such Commissioners, and by them decided, in which we will acquiesce, unless by mutual concessions, to which, for the sake of

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Peace, we shall not be averse, we can agree to fix precisely the course by which that line shall be run.

"We are, with great Truth and Esteem, Sir,

"your most Obedient and Most Humble Servant,

"ELIPHT DYER,

"WM. SAMEL. JOHNSON,

"J. STRONG,

"Commissioners for the Colony of Connecticut.

"Honble. JOHN PENN, Esqr."

The Members of Council Present, to whom the above Letter has been referred for Consideration, now laid before the Governor the Draught of a Letter they had prepared, and which they thought adviseable for the Governor to send to the said Commissioners, in answer to their Letter above mentioned, and the Governor approving of the said Answer, immediately sent the same to the Commissioners, and it follows in these Words, Viz^t.:

"PHILADELPHIA, ye 17th of December, 1773.

"Gentlemen:

"I yesterday received your favor in answer to my Requisition that you would lay before me the precise Extent of the Claim of the Colony of Connecticut, But must own I am much disappointed to find that, instead of Complying with my Request, you have only in General refered me to the Expressions of your Charter of 1662, which are by no means determinate, and you yourselves admit to be of doubtful Interpretation.

"The uncertainty in the Bounds and Extent of that Charter, as well as of other of the New England Grants, occasioned a Royal Commission to issue so early as within two years after the Date of your Charter, for the declared Purpose of settling the Bounds and Limits of their Several Charters and Jurisdiction. In Consequence of which a North North-West line drawn from Mamoroneck River to the line of the Massechusets, was declared and expressly fixed and Established to be the Western Bounds of the Colony of Connecticut, which Boundary was then Solemnly assented to, ratified, and Confirmed by the Governor and Commissioners of the Colony.

"After this Settlement of your Western Boundary, the Grant of Pennsylvania was made to William Penn. The Duke of York also relinquishing his Claim to the Lands comprized therein, and it was never understood by the Crown, at that time, nor by the Grantee, William Penn, nor by any other persons, for near eighty years, so far as I have heard, that the Grant of Pennsylvania any way intrenched upon or approached near any of the New England Grants, till the late Claim was set up on the Part of your Collony.

"Being Clearly of Opinion, for these and many other Reasons, that the present Claim made by your Government of any Lands Westward of the Province of New York, is without the least Foun-

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dation, you cannot reasonably expect that I should accept of the Proposal of "Settling and ascertaining the Boundaries between the Collony of Connecticut and this Province," or enter with you into a Negotiation on that Subject, nor can I with any propriety agree to the alternative proposed in the act of Assembly of your Colony which you have laid before me, vizt: "that if we cannot agree amicably to ascertain those Boundaries, then to join in an application to his Majesty to appoint Commissioners for that Purpose, because in either of these cases I should admit a Claim on the part of your Colony, which the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania are well advised, cannot be Supported without giving your Charter a Construction different from what has been determined to be the sense of other Charters of the like kind, nor without allowing your Limits to extend far beyond those heretofore fixed by the Royal Authority.

"But if your Colony, Gentlemen, should still apprehend they have a just Claim to Lands within the Grant of this Province, and should adhere to their late resolve to assert and support it, you may be assured that the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania most ardently wish to have the matter brought to the most speedy Issue possible, and that upon a Petition to be preferred by your Government to his Majesty in Council, which it is apprehended is the Proper Constitutional Tribunal to apply to on this Occasion, they will appear on the first notice and answer such petition, and give all the Dispatch in their power to bring the Matter to a Final Decission.

"It gives me the greatest Concern when I call to mind the Repeated Outrages which have been committed by a number of lawless people from your Colony, who without any Warrant or authority from the Government of Connecticut, have for some years past forcibly, and in an Hostile Manner, dispossessed the Tenants who were settled on Lands under Warrants and by the Licence of the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania.

"I shall however, be ready to hear any reasonable proposals you may have to offer for putting an end to such Violences, and restore the Public Tranquility in future, and shall chearfully Join with you in any proper and Equitable Measures to effect so valuable a Purpose.

"I am, Gentlemen, your most Obedient
"Humble Servant,
"JOHN PENN.

"To Eliphalet Dyer, William Samuel Johnson, and Jedediа Strong, Esquires, a Committee from the Collony of Connecticut."

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At a Council held on Saturday the 18th December, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, Esq^rs. } Esquires.
James Tilghman,

The Connecticut Commissioners having requested a Conferrence with the Governor and Council on the several matters contained in the Governor's Letter, they attended at the Board for that purpose, on notice being sent them by the Governor.

A Conferrence was accordingly held, during which several expedients were proposed on both sides for preserving Peace and good Order among the Inhabitants of that part of the Susquehanna Lands which is included in the Claim now set up by the Colony of Connecticut, till the matter in dispute between the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania and the said Collony shall receive a final determination before the King in Council.

But as the Board could not think themselves Justifiable in adopting the Measures proposed by the Commissioners in the Course of the Conference, it was agreed that the Commissioners should give an answer to the Governor's Letter, in which they might make any further Proposals they thought proper respecting the Preservation of good Order among the settlers on the Lands in Contest; and that the Governor would take the same into Consideration, and in case he could not agree to such Proposals, send them an answer thereto, pointing out any other Method which he might judge more expedient; Whereupon the Commissioners withdrew.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Tuesday 21st December, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

James Hamilton, Andrew Allen, } Esq^rs.
Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, jun^r.
James Tilghman,

The several Letters which have passed between the Governor and the Commissioners from Connecticut, as also Governor Trumbull's Letter, and Resolves and act of Assembly of that Colony, were again severally read in their Order; and then the Governor laid before the Board a Letter he received yesterday from those Commissioners, which was also read, and follows in these words, Viz^t:

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"PHILADELPHIA, 18th December, 1773.

"Sir:

"We are extreamly sorry to find, by your favor of yesterday, That all Hopes of an amicable settlement of the Controversy between the Colony, of Connecticut and the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania are at an end; that you are of opinion that you cannot, with any propriety, enter into any Negotiation with us for that Purpose, nor even accept the Alternative proposed in the act of Assembly of our Colony of a joint application to his Majesty to appoint Commissioners to decide it.

"That his Majesty in Council is the Constitutional Tribunal by which we must be finally decided, in all disputes of this Nature, we agree, and are persuaded that all its decisions will ever be founded in the strictest Impartiallity and Justice, yet it must be admitted that it is a Tribunal which, from its distance, Constitution, and other Circumstances, is attended always with great expence, frequently with much delay, to the Suitors; We cannot, therefore, but be of opinion, that it would have been more eligible for the Collony and the Proprietaries to have settled this dispute by agreement between themselves, or by referrence to Gentlemen of Judgement and Impartiallity in the Neighbouring Colonies, who might have immediately decided it upon the Spot with little Expence, or, even if it was judged more expedient to apply to his Majesty in Council, we apprehend much Delay and expence might have been saved, and a more conclusive Decision obtained by a joint Application. The reasons which you have been pleased to mention as the Ground of your Opinion upon this Subject do not appear to us to be conclusive; There is a clear distinction between a Claim and a Right, and however ill founded the claim of the Collony may by you be imagined to be, yet that it is an existing claim cannot be denied, And how the Admission of such Claim, so far as to negociate upon it, to attempt to settle it, or to join in an application to his Majesty for an adjudication upon it, can in any respect prejudice the Right, we cannot comprehend; The Colony and the Proprietaries both claim the same Country; the right to that Country can be in but one of them. The Claim on both sides must be admitted, the Right alone will be disputed. It can, therefore, prejudice neither party, or must effect both equally, to submit in any proper manner that Right to be discussed and adjudicated.

"We apprehend that your Honor is much mistaken in imagining that the settlement of the line between the Colony of Connecticut and the Grant to the Duke of York, in 1664, was in any degree occasioned by the Uncertainty of the Bounds and extent of the Charter to Connecticut, and the other New England Grants. That Determination had another and a very Different Foundation, viz.: The Possession on the part of the Dutch of that Territory, which was afterwards Granted to the Duke of York, a Possession which occasioned its being excepted out of the Original Grant to the Coun-

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cil of Plymouth, and in fact prevented its being ever vested in the Crown untill the Conquest thereof by Col. Nichols, in August, 1664; as that Territory therefore was not in 1662, in the Crown to Grant, no part of it could pass by the Patent to Connecticut, and it became absolutely necessary after the Conquest and the Grant to the Duke of York, to ascertain what extent of Territory had been so possessed by the Dutch and excepted out of the antecedent Grants from the Crown, and accordingly, the Commission under which that Settlement was made, was not merely a Commission to settle Boundaries, but an Authority to hear and receive, and to examine and determine, all complaints and appeals, in all causes and matters, as well Millitary as criminal and civil, and proceed in all things for the Providing for and settling the Peace and Security of the said Country; and was applyed upon that Occasion Only to the Determination of what part of the Country the Duke of York was entituled to in virtue of the Dutch Possession; it is Obvious, therefore, both from the occasion and the Spirit of that agreement and Settlement, that it could not extend to or affect any other Country than that Claimed by the Duke of York, which was expressly Limited in Point of Western Extension by the River Delaware, and Consequently, can be of no use to the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, who claim not under the Duke of York, but immediately from the Crown, by their Grant in 1681. The Country now Claimed by the Proprietaries under that Grant, within the Boundaries of the Colony of Connecticut, was in 1662, undoubtedly in the Crown, and Consequently, passed by the Royal Grant to the Governor and Company of that Colony, and clearly could not be re-vested in the Crown by a Settlement in 1664 (to which the Crown was not Party) with the D. of York, who was but a Private Subject; and not having been re-vested in the Crown, it is impossible it could pass by the Grant to William Penn, in 1681.

"That Settlement, therefore, we conceive, Ought to have no Weight in Your Deliberations upon this Subject, much less to form an Objection against your entering into a Settlement of the Controversy with Connecticut, in the most expeditious and least expensive Mode that can be devised.

"Of the same nature is the doubt which you imagine we admit with respect to the Course in which the Southern Line of the Grant to Connecticut shall pass the Grant to William Penn. Though we chose to leave that Question open to Discussion untill a Negotiation was actually entered upon, yet when all parts of the Grant and other Circumstances of the case are Considered, we apprehend very little doubt can remain with respect to it. Indeed, we imagine your Honor could not reasonably expect from us a different Answer than that which was given to the Requisition made us; as we had received no Intimation from you of any Dipositions towards an amicable Settlement of the Controversy, we apprehend You could not expect but that we should save to the Colony, whom we have the

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Honor to represent, all the advantage of the most favourable Construction of their Grant, in case they must be put to an adversary Suit, and a legal decision of the Controversy. But to the purpose of the Negotiation we proposed, the most narrow Construction of the Grant to Connecticut was, we apprehend, abundantly sufficient, since a line parrallell to the Massechusetts Line, drawn from the South-western Boundary of Connecticut with the Province of New York, will include at least one degree in Width of the Lands claimed by the Proprietaries as part of this Province, an Object of Sufficient Importance to Merit your attention, and to be the Ground of such a Negotiation as we had the Honor to propose to you.

"However, as your Sentiments are decisive upon this subject, We beg pardon for giving you further Trouble upon it, which we should not have done, but to evince to you with how much Reluctance we resign the Hopes we had entertained of an amicable Settlement of the Controversy.

"It is, however, with very great Satisfaction, that we receive the Intimations you are pleased to give us of your wishes to preserve peace among the Inhabitants settled under the different Claims, and your readiness to receive Proposals tending to that beneficial Purpose.

"It is with equal concern that we also recollect the mutual Violences which have been committed upon the Contested Lands. We will not take upon us absolutely to Justify, or to condemn either party. Give us leave only to remark, that as the Settlers from Connecticut and other Colonies, (for but a part of them were from that Colony), ent'red under the Susquehanna Company, who imagined themselves to have also the Connecticut Title, with a declared purpose of gaining an actual Possession, without which they were advised they could not advantageously try their Title; they entered under the Indea of Right, and in Point of Intention, may be excused. But as the Colony has now taken up the matter, and expressly asserted their Claim, That the like Mischiefs may in future be prevented, and Peace and good Order preserved in that part of the Country, We propose that, without prejudice to the Rights of the Colony, or the Proprietors, a Temporary line of Jurisdiction be agreed upon, which neither Party shall exceed, and within which Each respectively may exercise such power and authorities as they judge proper, without Interruption or Control; And as the Settlement, under the Proprietaries are Chiefly upon the western, and those under Connecticut principally upon the Eastern Branch of the Susquehanna River, We apprehend such Temporary line may be so drawn, as that Jurisdiction may be exercised by each, over their respective Settlers, without much Inconvenience. If this Idea shall

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meet with your Honor's approbation, we will immediately proceed to delineate and fix such line with Precision.

"And are, with much Respect and Esteem,

"Your Honor's most Obedient,

"Humble Servants,

"ELIPHT DYER,

"WM. SAMEL. JOHNSON,

"JEDEDIAH STRONG,

"Commissioners."

"Hon'ble JOHN PENN, Esquire."

The Board taking the said Letter into Consideration, and having Conferred some time thereon, appointed Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Shippen a Committee to prepare an answer to it, agreeable to the Sentiments of the Board, and to lay the same before the Board to-morrow for their Consideration.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 22d December, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

James Hamilton, Andrew Allen, Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, Jun'r, James Tilghman, } Esquires.

The Members of Council appointed to prepare an answer to the Last Letter from the Connecticut Commissioners, laid a Draught of a Letter before the Board, which was read and Considered, and some alterations being thought necessary to be made in that part of the Letter which respects the Proposal for establishing Peace and order amongst the Settlers on the Land in Dispute, it was agreed that the same should be made, and laid before the Board to-morrow morning for Consideration.

The Records of the Conviction of Alexander Buchanan for Burglary, and Thomas Wilson, alias John Hurrin, alias John Green, for Murder, at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Goal Delivery held at Easton, for the County of Northampton, on the 17th day of December last, before John Lawrence and Thomas Willing, Esquires, were laid before the Board, and Considered, and there being no Circumstances the least favorable in the Case of either of the said Criminals reported to the Governor by the Judge of the said Court, it was the opinion of the Board that the Sentences of the said Court against them should be executed on Saturday the first day of January next, and Warrants for that purpose were ordered to be issued accordingly.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 23d December, 1773.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

James Hamilton, Andrew Allen,
Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, jun^r. } Esquires.
James Tilghman,

The Draught of the Letter preposed to be sent by the Governor, in answer to the last Letter from the Connecticut Commissioners, with the alterations agreed to be made thereto, was laid before the Board; and being approved, was immediately transcribed and sent to the said Commissioners, which Letter follows in these words, Viz^t:

"PHILADELPHIA, 23d Decem'r, 1773.

"Gentlemen:

"I do assure you I did not decline your Proposal of an amicable Settlement of the Controversy between your Colony and the Proprietarys of Pennsylvania, or of a joint application to the Crown to appoint Commissioners to settle Boundaries between them, with a view either of protracting the time or enhanceing the Expence of a Decision; nor can I be of Opinion that an adversary Suit in which both sides are desirous of a Speedy Conclusion, can be attended with any extraordinary Delay or Expence.

"In the Case of Commissioners to settle Boundaries, they must probably be chosen in different Colonies, and their Meeting and attendance would be both difficult to obtain and in itself very expensive; and perhaps after much time spent in bringing the matter to a Period, the Determination might not be satisfactory to all parties, and only prove the foundation of an appeal to His Majesty in Council.

"Had I been inclined to an amicable Settlement of the Matter, I was not at Liberty, being concerned, as I told you in our Conference of Saturday last, only one-fourth of the Province, and being without Powers from the other Proprietor, who could not foresee, when I left England, that the Colony of Connecticut would have taken up this dispute, or adopted a Claim which they had hitherto declined to meddle with.

"I am Sorry to find myself misapprehended when I speak of the admission of a Claim, which I meant to guard against; I well know there is a clear distinction between a bare Claim and a Right, but a just Claim and a Right I take to be the same Idea; and upon the whole of my Expression, I think I must be understood to mean the admission of a just Claim; and as in my Opinion, the Colony of Connecticut, in its Western extent, can never be advanced beyond the Eastern Limits of New York, I conceived there would have been

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an impropriety in my agreeing to a joint application for Commissioners to Settle Boundaries, that carrying with it an implied Acknowledgement that your Claim ought to extend so far as to join upon, or interfere with the Province of Pennsylvania.

"You apprehend I was mistaken in imagining that the Settlement of the line between the Colony of Connecticut and the Grant to the Duke of York, was in any degree occasioned by the uncertainty of the Bounds and extent of the Charter of Connecticut, and the other New England Grants, and attempt to Explain the Motives of the Settlement, and then you proceed in a Course of Reasoning upon the Merits of your Claim.

"I am still of opinion that a supposed uncertainty in the Bounds of the New England Grants, is clearly to be inferred from the Terms of the Commission under which the Settlement of 1664 was made; but I do not conceive it at all material at this time to enter into any Debate upon the Inducements to the making the Settlements of 1664, or the extent of your Charter, or that of the Plymouth Company, or what Construction may at this time of Day be put upon the Terms of them. The mode of Decision I consider as our Principle object, not the Merits of the Dispute.

"Were it expedient or proper on this occasion to have entered into a Discussion of the Right, I should not content myself with pointing out the Settlement of 1664, conclusive as I esteem it to be; the several Purchases made from the Indians by the Proprietaries, without any Objections on the Part of your Colony; The sales made by them, and the Settlement and long Occupation of the Purchases under those Sales without opposition; the Impracticability of exercisceing a Jurisdiction over the vast Territory which lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the South Sea; The Interjacency of two Provinces between your Seat of Goverment and the places to which you would now extend your Jurisdiction, together with the acquiescence of Your Colony under the Grant of Pennsylvania, ever since the year 1681 to the Present time, and many other Transactions and Circumstances attending the Case, afford abundant Matter for insuperable Objections to your Claim, and no doubt will be urged before the Tribunal which is to decide the Controversy between us.

"I am now to consider your proposed Method of establishing Peace and good order, by drawing a Temporary Line of Jurisdiction; and to this too there appear to me objections which cannot be got over.

"The Legislature of this Province have erected that Part of the Country where the Connecticut People are Settled into a County. There exists a Legal Jurisdiction, which it is not in my power to restrain, much less can I transfer it to another Government. Great quantities of Land have been Granted under this Province before your Government took up this matter, which will fall within any Line that can be devised, and it is not in my Power to Prohibit the

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Purchasers from Settling them, nor can I, with Justice, take any steps to Restrain them.

"These are difficulties which unavoidably obstruct Your Proposal.

"Moreover, Gentlemen, you are in the Prosecution of a Claim which has long lain Dormant, and Surely that Claim ought to be established by proper Authority, before you can, with any Degree of Propriety, think of extending your Jurisdiction over a Country which hath been Legally Possessed, and where the regular Jurisdiction of another Goverment hath taken place long before your Colony had concluded to prosecute their claim to it.

"As I cannot, for the Reasons assigned, accede to your proposal of a Temporary line of Jurisdiction, so neither can I forsee any means that appear to me likely to effectuate Peace and order, and to prevent for the future such Violent Outrages as have been lately perpetrated in that part of the Country where the People of Connecticut are now settled, but their entirely vacuating the Lands in their Possession, untill a legal Decision of our Controversy may be obtained.

"And when it is considered that this Possession was effected by armed Bodies of People in an hostile Manner, expelling from their lawful Possessions those who had purchased their Lands, and Settled them under the Sanction of this Government, and that this was done without any Warrant or authority from the Collony of Connecticut, nay, long before that Colony had ever avowed a Claim to those Lands, I cannot but think it highly reasonable that such a tortious and unjustifiable Possession should be relinquished by the Colony at a time when they are pursuing a Claim on the Principals of Right, and in a legal way.

"Indeed, I cannot conceive, from the Measures that have been adopted by the Colony of Connecticut since they have made their Claim, that they can wish to avail themselves of a Possession extorted by such lawless and Violent Proceedings; or that they can imagine themselves under the least Obligation to support or abet a Set of People who have been capable of acting in so outrageous and unjustifiable a manner. I am, therefore, induced to Hope, Gentlemen, that when this Matter comes to be coolly considered by your Government, if their Views are like mine, directed to a steady and Peacable Dicision of this Dispute, they will use all possible means to withdraw the People thus settled in the most expeditious and effectual Manner.

"I observe, Gentlemen, you have not thought proper to say any thing in answer to that part of my Letter where I propose you should exhibit a Petition to His Majesty, and that, on the first Notice, the Proprietors would appear and answer such Petition, and expedite a Decision. I therefore think it necessary to inform you that, in case there should be any Delay on your part to exhibit such Petition, as your Colony have at length adopted, a Claim which they

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have always heretofore declined, the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania will immediately make their application to his Majesty to take the Matter under his Royal Consideration. I am, Gentlemen,

"Your most Obedient Humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To ELIPHALET DYER, WILLIAM SAMUEL JOHNSON, and JEDEDIAH STRONG, Esquires, a Committee from the Colony of Connecticut."

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Saturday 25th December, 1773.

MEMORANDUM.

The Governor this day received a Letter from Coll^a Dyer, Dr Johnson, and Mr. Strong, the Connecticut Commissioners, dated the 24th Instant, which was ordered to be entered in the Council Books, and is as follows, Viz^t:

"PHILADELPHIA, 24th December, 1773.

"Sir:

"It is with great satisfaction that we receive the assurances contained in your favor of Yesterday, that you do not decline the Proposals we have made, of an amicable Settlement of the Controversy between the Colony of Connecticut and the Proprietors of Pennsylvania, or a joint application to the Crown to appoint Commissioners to decide it, with a view of protracting the time or enhancing the expence of a Decision. We can therefore, only lament that you see this affair in a very different Light from that in which it presents itself to our minds, as notwithstanding the additional Observations you have made, We are still clearly of Opinion that much time, Expence, and Trouble, might have been saved by a reference to Gentlemen in America, or a joint application to his Majesty, since with respect to the former, We do not apprehend that his Majesty will Determine a Controversy of this Magnitude and importance without first issuing a Commission to hear and examine in America, reserving an appeal to himself in Council, so that the whole expence and delay of soliciting such Commission, and of the subsequent appeal, (which must be very Great), would have been saved in the mode we proposed, and that both the Colony and the Proprietaries would have acquiesced in the Decision of such Referees, We cannot Doubt. In Point of Honor, neither of them could have receded from the Determination of impartial Judges of their own appointing; and with respect to the latter, We imagine we foresee Difficulties (unnecessary now to be mentioned), of Great and real Weight, which will attend an adversary Suit by either party, which would have been totally Obviated by a joint application.

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"Your want of full powers from the other Proprietaries of the Province, we acknowledge, is a real Difficulty, which must have prevented an immediate Settlement of the Controversy. But were your desires to effectuate such a Settlement as ardent as those with which we are impressed, such is now the Facility of Communication between this Country and Great Britain, that the Delay which would attend the obtaining of full Powers would be of very short duration.

"We do not yet see that the admission of our Claim, whether just or imaginary, so far as to join in an Application to his Majesty for Commissioners to decide it, could in any Respect Prejudice the Proprietaries, and the Impropriety, or the implied acknowledgment you apprehend it would carry with it, seem to be founded in too narrow an Idea of the Powers to be applied for. We do not apprehend that the Commission to be issued upon this Occasion, should be simply to settle Boundaries, tho' this too must be included, but a Commission Delegating a Complete jurisdiction to hear and adjudge the whole Controversy, in what ever Light it may present itself. To this purpose it is clearly enough, that the Colony claim as their Right a large Country which the Proprietors conceive belongs to them.

"In the Idea you Inculcate, That it is not at all material at this time to enter into the Merits of the Dispute, any further than Respects the most eligible mode of deciding it, We very fully Concur. If we have done more, we very freely acknowledge it was totally improper, and we beg leave to assure you, that we should have said Nothing upon the Merits of our Claim, had not the Settlement in 1664, seemed to have been understood by you as being of so decisive a Nature, as absolutely to preclude all further Controversy, and been stated in your Letter as a Conclusive Objection against your entering into any Negotiation upon the Subject. It was therefore necessary for us, if we hoped to succeed in any measure on the Negotiation with which we were charged, if Possible to remove that Objection. In this Light, and in this purpose only, it was that we took the Liberty to Submit to your Consideration the short Hints we threw out upon that Subject, sensible that the full discussion of it must be referred to another time and another Occasion, before a proper Forum.

"It is for the like reason only that we will not upon this Occasion make any Strictures upon the other Objections you have hinted at, to the Connecticut Title, To all which the most satisfactory answers may be given.

"It were easy to observe that the purchases from the Indians by the Proprietaries, and the sales by them made, were they more ancient than they are, could add no strength to the Proprietary Title, since the Right of Pre-emption of the natives was by the Royal Grant exclusively vested in the Colony of Connecticut, and consequently, those purchases and Sales were equally without any legal

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foundation. They could neither acquire any right by the one, or Transfer any Title by the other. But that both the one and the other have been too recent to be the Ground of any argument, since we are advised that the Proprietaries made no purchase of the Natives of any Consequence to this dispute, pryor to the treaty at Fort Stanwix.

"That the actual Occupation under the Connecticut Title of the Contested Lands, was as early, and in some parts of the Country Prior to that under the Proprietaries; That the imagined Impractability of exercising Jurisdiction by the Colony, over so extensive a Country, is a Question of Policy, not an objection to the Right, and can have no more weight against the Colony Title than the Impropriety and ill policy of Vesting so Large a Territory as that of Pennsylvania in a single subject, will have against that of the Proprietaries, and are considerations both equally Improper to be mentioned on either side; That of the same Nature is the supposed Difficulty of the Intervention of another Province between our seat of Government and the Country over which we thus Claim Jurisdiction, which is also a Question of Policy, and yet has, in fact, in one instance at least, in America, been found to be attended with no difficulty of any Consequence; That the Acquiescence of the Colony under the Grant of Pennsylvania is of no more force than the Acquiescence of the Proprietaries under the Grant to Connecticut, and can have little weight on either side, since till very lately, the Indians refused to give up the Country to either, and neither can be considered as having suffered their claim to have lain culpably Dormant, under the Particular Circumstances of the case, and the situation of the Country, and especially that this cannot be imputed to Connecticut, whose Grant was expressly for the Purpose of Settlement, but without Limitation of Time, and they had not, till within a very few years past, settled the Country to the Eastward of New York, and consequently could not, upon any proper Grounds, sooner pursue their claim, or attend to the actual Settlement of this Western part of the Colony; But these and many other Circumstances and Considerations, tending to elucidate and to establish the claim of the Colony beyond all Contradiction, We will make no mention of, as proper only to be explained and enforced before a Tribunal Competent to the Determination of the whole Controversy.

"But as the application to such a Tribunal, whether on the part of the Colony, or, as you propose, by the Proprietaries, (to which we have no objection,) will necessarily take up much time, we are extreamly sorry to find that you cannot agree, in the mean Time, to the Methods we have proposed for preserving peace and Good Order among the Inhabitants in that part of the Country, neither to that of a Personal Distinction, for the purpose of Jurisdiction of the Claimants under the several Titles, by entering their names in some proper office, which we offered at the Conference with you

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on Saturday last; nor that of a Temporary line of Jurisdiction, which we proposed in our Paper of the 18th Instant; and that nothing Less will satisfie you than a Total evacuation of the Country by the Settlers under Connecticut.

"This is a measure which we do not think ourselves authorized by the Colony to Consent to, and which we have no Imagination that they will adopt.

"We consider, therefore, our Negociation with you as at an End, and have only to Console ourselves that, whatever happens, we have on our part faithfully endeavoured not only to terminate the Controversy with all Possible Dispatch, but also to provide for the quiet of the Country while the Dispute shall be depending. Give us leave, however, at parting, to remark, in answer to the reasons you mention for not acceding to our Proposals, that we never imagined that it was in your power, by your own authority, to Controul the Jurisdiction erected in that part of the Country, or to Prohibit or restrain the Purchasers from Settling, under the Grants Actually made to them under this Province, but we did Imagine, and of this we have yet no Doubt, that the Legislature of the Colony, of which you are a part, would, at your desire, have added the Sanction of their authority to any agreement you had thought Proper to have come into for preserving the Peace of the People; your want of Power in your personal Capacity, or as one of the Proprietaries of the Province, can therefore, with us form no Objection why you should not have accepted one or the other of our Proposals, since we are Perswaded the Assembly of the Province would have given every Aid in their Power to so salutary a Design.

"It is with much concern that we find your attention so strongly turned Towards the Proceedings of the Susquehanna Company, in settling under the Connecticut Title, and that you have conceived so ill an Opinion of those Proceedings.

"This is a Subject which we were not instructed to Discuss, and which we waived entering into, particularly in our former papers; but since you recall our attention to it in the manner you have done, We cannot forbear observing to you that the primary Possession of the People under Connecticut, was taken at a time when the Country was entirely a Wilderness, under an Indian Purchase, approved of by the Colony, and made under their title of Pre-emption from the Crown, when there was no person upon the Land, much less any Body holding under the Proprietaries, and of Course could not be attended with any Force or Violence. This Possession was interrupted by the Indians of the Far Nations in open War, and again without force resumed in 1762, And was only suspended while the Matter could be laid before his Majesty, in Consequence of a Letter from the Earl of Egremont, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, founded upon representations made by the Governor of this Province, transmitted by Sr Jeffery Amherst, Commander-in-Chief of his Majesty's forces in North America,

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Suggesting that the Settlement was disagreeable to the Indians, and might Occasion an Indian War, and the Devastation of the Frontiers. When that Representation to his Majesty had been made, and all apprehensions of Displeasure from the Indians were effectually removed by their Resignation of the Country at the Treaty of Fort Stanwix, they apprehended they might very Justifiably resume their Possessions, which they attempted to do in a Peaceable manner, but were, as we are advised, interrupted and opposed by Persons claiming under the Proprietaries. Then it was that Violence Commenced and force was opposed to Force, on the one Hand to regain, on the other to prevent, an actual Occupation of the Lands; on either side perhaps, justifiable in the Degree, but on both founded on a Real Idea of Right, and therefore not Meriting the Severe Construction that have been put upon it, or the harsh Epithets you have applied to it. When you add to this that they were advised, as in fact they were, that the Could not try their Right or the title of the Colony of Connecticut, but upon the Ground of an actual Possession, which should put the Proprietaries to such an action at Law for the recovery of the Possession, as might bring the title in Question; That the first Possession, and the subsequent struggles to regain and maintain that Possession, were with the avowed Purpose of trying the Title in the most regular and effectual manner; that they expressly Offered both here and in Europe, to submit to and be concluded by a legal Decision; That their situation was such that they could bring no Possessory Action themselves, and that the Proprietaries and those who held under them refused, or at least neglected, to bring any Action of that nature on their Part, but on the Contrary, that those unfortunate people were repeatedly harassed with Criminal Prosecutions, in which the Title could not come in Question, and even in one of those Cases, when a Plea to the Jurisdiction of the Court was offered, it was absolutely rejected, and even with Circumstances of Contempt. When you consider these Circumstances, and many others which are capable of the Clearest Proof, we cannot but hope you will entertain, in future, more favorable Sentiments of the Connecticut Settlers and their former Proceedings, than have been attempted to be impressed upon you by the Representations of Interested Individuals, willing to magnify past services or to procure future favors, and will not be surprized that the Colony should be Content to avail themselves of the Possessions which began, and has been Continued with such views, and under such Circumstances, or be willing to take under their Protection a People who have uniformly Claimed under their Title, and Laboured indefatigably to bring it to a legal Decission.

"We cannot omit, finally, to remind you, that the Established Jurisdiction under this Province, of which you avail yourself, and to which you wish our People to submit, was erected not only after the Possession above referred to, but after it was publickly known

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that the General Assembly of Connecticut had directed a state of their claim to be drawn up and laid before learned Council in England for their opinion, and was perhaps precipitated to prevent if Possible the Probable Consequences of that Measure.

"Upon the whole, tho' we thought it our Duty, drawn to it by some expressions in your Letter to mention some of these Circumstances, and the grounds of the former Proceedings in this Matter, yet we wish not to dwell upon them, or to recall to mind Occurrences which can afford no Pleasure in the Review, and will have little influence upon the Case in its present state, since it must finally be determined, not by these incidental Circumstances and Occurrences, but upon great and General Principles. By them we are content to stand or fall, and will be finally decided, when the Cause shall be duly adjudged.

"In the meantime, we beg leave to return you our sincere thanks for the Politeness and Candor you have discovered upon this Occasion, of which, and every other Circumstance of the Present negotiation, We assure you we will make a faithful report to our Constituents, and are with great Esteem and Respect, your Honors

"most Obedient, and
"most humble Servants,
"ELIPHT. DYER,
"WM. SAML. JOHNSON,
"JED^H. STRONG,
"Commissioners.

"Honble. JOHN PENN, Esqr."

Wednesday, 29th December, 1773.

The Governor laid before the Assembly by the Secretary, for their perusal, Governor Trumbull's Letter, the Resolves and Act of Assembly of Connecticut, as also the several Letters from the Commissioners of that Colony, and Copies of his Honor's Letters to them, relative to the claim lately set up by the said Colony to Lands within this Province.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 7th January, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

The Honble. James Hamilton, Andrew Allen, Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, Jr. James Tilghman, } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills sent up by the Assembly for his Concurrence, entituled

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"An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes and Alleys, and Highways, within the Borough of Lancaster, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

"An Act to amend the Act entituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty the sum of fifty-five thousand Pounds, and for striking the same in Bills of Credit, in the manner hereinafter directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit by a Tax on all Estates, real and personal, and Taxables within this Province," which Bills were read, and being duly considered, were ordered to be returned to the House, with several Amendments made to both.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 12th January, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, Andrew Allen, James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, Junr. } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board three Bills which the Assembly sent up for his Concurrence, entituled as follow, Vizt.:

"An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province."

"An Act to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of Insolvent Debtors to execute their Trust."

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act for raising of County Rates and Levies."

Which Bills were read and referred to further Consideration.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 15th January, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, James Tilghman, Andrew Allen, Edward Shippen, junr. } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board the two following Bills, sent up by the Assembly for his Concurrence, Vizt:

"An Act for confirming the Estate of John Steel, of Carlisle, in the County of Cumberland, in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land in the Township of Middleton, in the County aforesaid, several of the Title Deeds whereof are lost."

"An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River Conestogoe, in the County of Lancaster."

Which were read, and in part considered, and referred for further Consideration.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 19 January, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, Andrew Allen,
Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, Junr., } Esquires.
James Tilghman,

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter from Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, with other Papers inclosed therein to the Secretary, brought last night by Express from Westmoreland County, which were read, and follow in these Words, Viz^t:

"LIGONIER, January 12th, 1774.

"Sir:

"Late last Night I received from Pittsburgh the inclosed Copy of an Advertisement, which I think of so dangerous a tendency that I have forwarded it by Express, and to prevent all danger of Delay, have sent my own Clerk with it, that if possible I may receive the Governor's Directions before the 25th.

"Should it so happen that Mr. Hoofnagle cannot return in Time, but which he will do if it be possible, what occurs to me is previous to the Day appointed for the Assembly to demand such Security of Mr. Conolly for his good Behaviour as he will not be able to procure, and in Consequence to have him committed; to direct the Sheriff to have a sufficient Number of such as can be depended upon, to protect the Gaol, should a rescue be attempted, which perhaps may be the Case, and to write to the Magistrates, some to attend at the Gaol, and some at Pittsburgh.

"I have wrote to Mr. Wilson for his Council on this Thought, and to know if there is any other legal way of securing Mr. Conolly, and to desire he would suggest any other Method to preserve the Peace of the County, which will certainly be greatly endangered.

"I need not press you to dispatch Mr. Hoofnagle; the shortness of the Time is too evident; suffer me, however, to hint that this Service is foreign to his Engagements with me.

"I am, Sir, your very humble Servant,

"A^R. S^T. CLAIR.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junr., Esquire."

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"PITTSBURG, 11th January, 1774.

"Dear Sir:

"Here inclosed you will find a Copy of Doctor Conolly's Advertisement, put up at different parts in this Village, the 6th Instant, several Copies of which were dispersed through the Country at the

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same Time. This impudent Piece will, I am much afraid, be the means of creating great Confusion and disturbance in this County, unless proper Steps will be taken to check it in Time.

"The Doctor informs us that Lord Dunmore has made Application to General Haldiman for a Serjeant and 12 Men, to be sent immediately to this Place, in order to support his Authority.

"The Capt. has already appointed six or seven Magistrates, among whom are Major Smallman, John Campbell, and John Gibson; the rest I have not heard their Names yet. There is no doubt but all the Disaffected and Vagabonds that before evaded Law and Justice with so much Art, will now flock in Numbers to the Captain's Standard, if not prevented in Time, the consequence of which we have just Cause to dread. I hope to have the Pleasure of seeing you soon here; I think your Presence is absolutely necessary at this Time.

"I remain, Dear Sir,
"Your most humble Servant,
"ÆNEAS MACKAY.

"ARTHUR St. CLAIR, Esquire.

"P. S. I have been greatly concerned that it has been out of my Power to forward the inclosed to you sooner, owing to the badness of the Weather, and besides, was at a Loss for a Person whose fidelity could be depended upon. Polly joins me in Compliments to Mrs. St. Clair and the Children.

"ÆN. MACKEY.

"Since I wrote the above, Mr. Espy happened in Company with the new Captain, to whom Espy said he thought the next Court for Westmoreland would be held at Pittsburg; to which the Captain replied in a Rage, Damn him if he would not oppose it; from which, and many other Circumstances of the like kind, it appears how determined he will be to Carry his Designs into Execution. It's thought here that 'tis all Colonel Croghan's Intrigues.

"ÆN. MACKEY."

Here follows Doctor Conolly's Advertisement:

"WHEREAS, his Excellency John Earl, of Dunmore, Governor-in-Chief and Captain General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same, has been pleased to nominate and appoint me Captain, Commandant of the Militia of Pittsburgh and its Dependencies, with Instructions to assure His Majesty's Subjects settled on the Western Waters, that having the greatest Regard to their Prosperity and Interest, and convinced from their repeated Memorials of the grievances of which they complain, that he purposes moving to the House of Burgesses the Necessity of erecting a new County, to include Pittsburgh, for the redress of your Complaints, and to take every other Step that may tend to afford you that Justice for which you Sollicit. In order to facilitate

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this desirable Circumstance, I hereby require and command all Persons in the Dependency of Pittsburg, to assemble themselves there as a Militia on the 25th Instant, at which Time I shall communicate other Matters for the promotion of public Utility. Given under my Hand, this 1st day of January, 1774.

"JOHN CONOLLY."

The Board taking into Consideration the Commission of the Peace for Westmoreland County, and being of Opinion that an Addition should be made to it, and several Persons living at Pittsburgh and other Parts of the County, being recommended to the Governor for that Purpose, it was agreed that a new Commission be issued, and that the Names of those who were now recommended be inserted therein; and a Commission was accordingly Issued, appointing the following Gentlemen Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the said County, vizt:

The Members of the Proprietary and Governor's Council, and;

William Crawford,	George Wilson,	Esquires.
Arthur St. Clair,	William Thompson,	
Thomas Gist,	Aneas M'Kay,	
Alexander M'Kee,	Joseph Spear,	
Robert Hanna,	Alexander M'Clean,	
William Lochery,	James Caret,	
William Bracken,	Alexander Ross,	
James Pollock,	John Carnaughan,	
Samuel Sloan,	Andrew M'Farlane,	
Michael Rugh,	Oliver Miller,	
Van Sweringen,	Devereux Smith,	
Thomas Scott,	John Shepherd.	

Dedimus Potestatem, directed to

William Crawford,
Arthur St. Clair, & } Esquires.
Robert Hanna,

The Governor laid before the Board a Message from the Assembly, which was read and follows in these words, Viz^t:

A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

"May it please your Honor:

"We have taken into our serious Consideration your Message of the 14th Ult^o, the Petition from the Inhabitants of Northumberland County, with the Papers respecting the Claim of Connecticut Government to a Part of Pennsylvania, and as we esteem a due Obedience to the Laws, and the preservation of the Public Peace,

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to be of the first Moment to the Happiness and Welfare of the People, we heartily concur in Sentiments with your Honor, that the violent Outrages committed within the known Limits of this Province, by the Emigrants from the Colony of Connecticut, and the Protection they have given to the most atrocious Offenders, in open defiance of the Laws of the Country, call for the particular attention of Government.

"Since we find, from repeated Experience, that the mild Laws of this Province have proved insufficient to restrain these lawless Disturbers of the Peace within any Bounds, we have thought it necessary to prepare and pass a Bill with more severe Penalties, which we hope will, in future, deter them from the Execution of their unwarrantable Designs, and restore the public Tranquility.

"The Hands of Government being thus strengthened, we have no doubt but your Honor will pursue the proper measures to effect so desirable a Purpose; and yet, that we may not seem deficient in our Duty on so extraordinary and alarming an Occasion, which portends the greatest Mischiefs to the Province, and that those ill-disposed People may know that they are acting in Opposition to the weight of the whole Government, we cannot avoid shewing our abhorrence of their Conduct by most earnestly entreating your Honor to give special Directions to the Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other Officers concerned in the Administration of Justice, to be Vigilant and active in the discharge of their Duty within their respective Jurisdictions, and to exert themselves in suppressing all acts of Violence, and every illegal attempt to dispossess the peaceable Inhabitants of this Province, by putting the Laws in strict Execution.

"From the Papers communicated by the Secretary, we are sorry to find the Government of Connecticut has given Countenance to the lawless Possession of these Emigrants, by resolving to prosecute a Claim, not only to Lands they have lately seated themselves on, but to a great Part of the Province. We do not mean, nor is it our Duty, to decide on the Merits of the Dispute between them and the Proprietaries, and yet we cannot help thinking it very extraordinary, that after a total Silence with respect to any Claim, the most perfect acquiesence with the Settlements made under the Royal Grant of this Province for the space of near a Century, and their late refusal, when called on by His Majesty in Council, to prosecute such Claim, if any they had, we should now find them of a sudden adopting so contrary a measure. But what appears to us still more extraordinary, is their declining in their late Negotiations with your Honor, after they have assumed their Claim, to prosecute it on the Merits before His Majesty in Council, the only proper Judicature where this unhappy Controversy can be decided, as this Conduct carries with it the appearance of a Design to delay a matter of which the Peace and Tranquility of both Colonies require an immediate Determination, if not to continue their unjustifiable Proceedings in support of their Claim.

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"To prevent the mischievous Effects of this unkind and unneighbourly Disposition in the Government of Connecticut, we beg leave earnestly to request, that your Honor will pursue every effectual measure to call the Claimants before His Majesty in Council, and to bring their claim to an immediate Decision.

"Signed by Order of the House.

"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*

January 18th, 1774."

The Governor also laid before the Board three Bills entituled as follow, Viz^t:

"An Act to prevent Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters."

"An Act to prevent Frauds in the packing and preserving of Shadd and Herring for Exportation."

"An Act for regulating Pedlars, Vendues, &c^a"

Which were severally read, and the two first being considered, were ordered to be returned to the House, with a Verbal Message that the Governor agreed to pass the first, and with the following Amendments made to the second, vizt:

Amendments to the Bill entituled "An Act to prevent Frauds in the packing, and preserving of Shadd and Herring for Exportation."

Page 14, Lines 3 & 4. Dele the words [the Assembly appoints another] and instead thereof, insert the words [another shall be appointed by Act of General Assembly].

Page 16, Lines 2 & 3. Fill up the Blank with the Name of [William Milnor].

And the other Bill was referred for further Consideration.

The Consideration of the two following Bills was then resumed, vizt: "An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River Conestoge, in the County of Lancaster."

"An Act to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of Insolvent Debtors to execute their Trusts."

Which being agreed to, were also ordered to be returned to the Assembly, with the Governor's Assent.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 20th January, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Junr,	
James Tilghman,		

The Draught of a Letter of Instructions to Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, was laid before the Board, and some Alterations being

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made thereto, it was ordered to be transcribed and dispatched by the Express without Delay, with the new General Commission of the Peace; the said Letter follows in these Words, Viz^t:

"PHILADELPHIA, 20th January, 1774.

"Sir:

"I am extreamly obliged to you for your great Attention to the Interest of this Government in transmitting, with so much dispatch and Care, the Intelligence contained in your Letter of the 12th of this Month, to Mr. Secretary Shippen, and the Papers it inclosed.

"I cannot help being greatly surprised to find that Dr. Conolly hath published an Advertisement, asserting his Appointment by Lord Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, to act as Captain Commandant of the Militia of Pittsburgh, and its dependencies; and that, in consequence of such appointment, he had taken upon him to Assemble the People as a Militia, under the Government of Virginia, and to appoint Magistrates of Pittsburg.

"As his Lordship must certainly know that the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania hath been exercised at Fort Pitt, and in the Neighbourhood of it, for several years past, and hath not given me the least intimation of any Design to extend his Government there, I am much inclined to conclude that Mr. Conolly hath, on this Occation, assumed Powers which Lord Dunmore never gave him. However, I shall, without loss of Time, dispatch a Messenger to Williamsburg, with a Letter to his Lordship, in order to obtain an explanation of this very strange Affair. In the mean Time I would, by all means, have you and the other Magistrates of your County assert the Right of Pennsylvania, and protect the People in every Part within its known Limits, as Fort Pitt most certainly is.

"The Meeting of a number of People under Arms, in Consequence of Mr. Conolly's Summons, will undoubtedly be an Act of a criminal Nature, for which they may be indicted and punished, and comes properly under the Idea of an unlawful Assembly, with an intention to disturb the public Peace; you will, therefore, do right in apprehending him and some of his principal Partizans, after such meeting, and holding them to reasonable Security for their appearance at the next Sessions, to answer for their Conduct.

"I expect the magistrates, on this Occasion, will do their Duty with Spirit, in which they shall be supported by the Government; and if any of Conolly s pretended Magistrates shall presume to proceed judicially within the known Limits of the Province of Pennsylvania, I desire that proper Actions may be commenced by the Party aggrieved, not only against the Officer who executes the Process, but the Magistrate also under whose Authority he shall act; And you may be assured that such actions shall be prosecuted and supported at the Expence of this Goverment.

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"In order to strengthen the Hands of the Magistracy on this Occasion, in the course of their Duty, I send you a Copy of the Riot Act made by the present Assembly, which has received my Assent, and will pass the Seals before this comes to your Hands, and extends to all parts of the Province. But, as the execution of it may be attended with the most serious Consequences, the proceedings under it should be conducted with the utmost Caution, and great Care must be taken to extend it only in such Places as are certainly within the Limits of the Province, of which you can make the best Judgment of any body, by the share you had in running a Line to ascertain the Situation of Fort Pitt.

"I have made an Addition to the Bench of your County, and send the Commission for the new Magistrates by this opportunity.

"I would have you get Possession, if you can, of some of Connolly's original advertisments.

"I am, Sir, Your most Obedient, humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To ARTHUR ST. CLAIR, Esquire,
"at Ligonier, in Westmoreland County."

A member of Council laid before the Board a Draught of a Message proposed to be sent by the Governor to the Assembly, recommending it to them to make further provision for compleating the Fortification carrying on at Mud Island, the money appropriated by the Legislature for that Purpose appearing to be wholly expended; which, being approved, was ordered to be transacted, and carried to the Assembly this afternoon. The said Message follows in these Words, Viz^t:

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"I am to inform you that the Commissioners appointed by the Act of General Assembly, passed in the eleventh Year of his present Majesty's Reign, and empowered with the Consent and Approbation of the Governor to apply and dispose of the Sum of fifteen thousand Pounds theretofore granted, for and towards the building such Fortifications as might be necessary for the Security and Defence of the City of Philadelphia, have lately laid before me their Accompts, by which it appears to me, that they have expended the whole Sum appropriated to that Use in the Purchase of a small Island, about eight miles down the River, most conveniently situated for the Purpose intended, and in constructing a great Part of such a Fortification, as by the Opinion and Advice of a Skilful Engineer, recommended by General Gage, was absolutely necessary to answer the End proposed. You will, on enquiry, find that the Work, so far as it has been executed, is done in a Masterly Manner, and that Materials, to a considerable Value, are on the Spot, ready to continue it as soon as

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the Season will admit it. The Plan of the Fort and the Commissioners Accompts will be laid before You, by which you will perceive how much remains to be done, in what Manner the Money has been disposed of, and how much is yet in arrear to the Workmen, &c^a. From hence you will be enabled to judge what further Sum will be wanting to compleat a Work which has for many years been considered by the Legislature of this Province as an Object of the greatest Importance for the Defence and Protection of this flourishing and populous City against His Majesty's Enemies in Time of War.

"I think it incumbent on me, Gentlemen, to recommend this Matter to your most serious Consideration, and to request that you will make the proper Provision for carrying on and compleating this important Work in the most speedy and effectual Manner, in which you may be assured of my hearty Concurrence.

"JOHN PENN.

"January 20th, 1774."

The Governor laid before the Board the following Answer, which he received last Night from the Assembly, to his Amendments to the Bill for preventing Frauds in the packing and preserving of Shadd and Herring, &c^a:

Amendment 1st. The House adhere to the Bill.

Amendment 2d. Agreed to by the House.

And the Secretary was Ordered to carry the Bill back to the House, with a Message that the Governor could not recede from his proposed Amendment.

The Board then resumed the Consideration of the four following Bills, Viz^t:

"An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province."

"An Act for repealing a part of An Act entituled 'An Act for regulating Pedlars, Vendues, &c^a'"

"An Act for confirming the Estate of John Steel, of Carlisle, in the County of Cumberland, in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Township of Middleton, in the County aforesaid, several of the Tittle Deeds whereof are lost."

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act for raising of County Rates and Levies.'"

And the Secretary was directed to return the said Bills to the Assembly, with a Verbal Message to the House that the Governor gave his Assent to the two first, but could not agree to pass either of the other two.

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Friday 21st January, 1774.

MEMORANDUM:

The Assembly having yesterday sent up to the Governor for his Concurrence, A Bill entituled "An Act to increase the Allowance to Members of Assembly, for their attendance on the public Service," and the same being agreed to, was this Day returned to the Assembly with the Governor's Assent.

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Saturday 23d January, 1774.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor and delivered him a Message in answer to His Honor's Message of the 20th Instant, and a Copy of the Resolves referred to therein, and at the same Time, acquainted the Governor that the House inclined to adadjourn on the 12th of September next, and requested him to appoint some Members of Council to assist in comparing the Bills that had been agreed to, with their engrossed Copies, to which the Governor replied, that he had no objection to their proposed Adjournment; that he would appoint some Members of Council to collate the Bills and meet the House in the Council Chamber at one o'Clock, to enact them into Laws.

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Eodem Die.

Council Chamber, 1 o'Clock, P. M.

The several engrossed Bills being compared with their Originals and found to agree, The Governor sent the Secretary to the House with a Message requiring their attendance, that he might pass the Bills which had received his Assent.

The whole House waiting on him accordingly, the Speaker presented to him eight Bills, entituled as below, which his Honor was pleased to enact into Laws, and appointed the Secretary to accompany two Members of the House to see the Great Seal affixed to them, and to deposit them in the Rolls office.

The Speaker then in behalf of the House, presented to the Governor a Certificate for £400 towards his support, for which his Honor returned them his thanks. The Laws are entituled as follows, Viz':

"An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways, in the Borough of Lancaster, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act to amend the Act entituled 'An Act for granting to His Majesty the sum of fifty-five thousand Pounds, and for striking

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the same in Bills of Credit, in the manner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit by a Tax on all Estates real and personal, and Taxables within this Province."

"An Act to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors to execute their Trusts."

"An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province."

"An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River Conestogœ, in the County of Lancaster."

"An Act to prevent Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters."

"An Act for repealing a part of an Act, entituled An Act for regulating Pedlars, Vendues, &c."

"An Act to increase the allowance to members of Assembly, for their attendance on the Public Service.

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MEMORANDUM, 31st January, 1774.

The Governor, taking into Consideration the Letters and other Papers received from Arthur St. Clair and Æneas M'Kay, Esquires, relating to the proceedings of Dr. Conolly, as they stand upon the Council minutes of the 19th of this month, this day thought proper, with the advice of the Council, to write the following Letter to Lord Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, upon that Subject, viz':

"PHILADELPHIA, 31st January, 1774.

"My Lord,

"A few Days ago I received by Express, from the Western Frontiers of this Province, the inclosed Copy of an Advertisement, lately set up at Pittsburg and divers other Places in that Quarter of the Country, by one John Conolly, who has taken upon him as Captain Commandant of the Militia at Pittsburg, and its dependencies, by virtue of your Lordship's Commission, as he says, to command the People to meet him there as a militia on the 25th Instant, and to exercise Jurisdiction over them, as Settlers under your Government within the Dominion of Virginia.

"A Step so sudden and unexpected could not but be matter of great Surprise to me, as well as very alarming to the Inhabitants of those Parts, who have taken up, improved, and hitherto peaceably enjoyed their Lands under Grants from the Proprietaries of this Province.

"Being, however, too well acquainted with your Lordship's Character, to admit the least Idea that you would countenance a measure injurious to the Rights of the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, or which might have a tendency to raise Disturbances within their Province, I flatter myself that the laying before you a short

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state of the Limits of this Province, so far as regards the present Question, and acquainting you with the steps which have been taken to ascertain its Western Extent, and the Situation of Pittsburg, will be abundantly sufficient to satisfy you that that Place is, beyond all doubt, within this Province.

"The Western Extent of the Province of Pennsylvania, by the Royal Grant, is five Degrees of Longitude from the River Delaware, which is its Eastern Boundary.

"In the year 1768, an East and West Line was run from Delaware, at the mouth of Christiana Creek, to the crossing of Dunkard Creek, a Branch of the Monongahela, by Messieurs. Dixon and Mason, two Surveyors of Distinction, who were sent over from England to run the Division Line between Maryland and Pennsylvania. These Artists fixed the Latitude and Extent of that Line with the utmost exactness and precision, to the satisfaction of the Commissioners on both Sides. From the 233d mile Stone on this Line, a North Line hath been since carefully run and measured to the Ohio, and from thence up to Fort Pitt; the several Courses of the River have been taken with all possible Care. From the Line of Dixon and Mason to a known Point in the South Line of the City of Philadelphia, the true Course and Distance hath been discov[d] by actual Survey, as also from the Point aforesaid, to that part of the River Delaware which is in the same Latitude as Fort Pitt; and from these several Data, the most exact Calculations have been made by Dr. Smith, Provost of our College, Mr. Rittenhouse, and our Surveyor General, in order to ascertain the difference of Longitude between Delaware and Pittsburg, who all agree that the latter is near six miles Eastward of the Western extent of the Province.

"The better to illustrate this Matter, and enable your Lordship to form a Judgment of the accuracy with which the work has been done, and the Calculations made, I have inclosed a Map or Draught of the several Lines above mentioned, with explanatory Notes, as delivered by them to me. Should your Lordship, however, contrary to my Expectation, still entertain any doubt respecting this matter, I hope you will at least think it reasonable for avoiding those mischiefs which must naturally arise in Cases of clashing and disputed Jurisdiction, to defer the appointing of Officers, and exercising Government in that neighbourhood, and suffer the People to remain in the quiet and undisturbed Possession of the Lands they hold under this Province, till some temporary Line of Jurisdiction can be agreed on by Commissioners, to be appointed by both Governments, to confer on this Subject, or until the Affair can be settled by His Majesty in Council, before whom a Petition, exhibited by the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, for the Settlement of their Western as well as other Boundaries is now depending.

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"I shall hope to receive your Lordship's Sentiments of this matter by the first Opportunity, and am, with great Regard,

"Your Lordship's most Obedient

"Humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To The Right Honorable the Earl of Dunmore, Governor & Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Province of Virginia."

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February 24th, 1774.

MEMORANDUM.

The Governor having lately received a Letter from Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, Governor of Connecticut, dated the 31st January last, this day sent him an answer thereto, which Letter and answer are as follow, Viz^t:

"LEBANON, 31st January, 1774.

"Sir:

"I am not favoured with any of yours, yet think it proper to acquaint you with some of the public acts of this Colony, passed since mine of the 22d of November last, Viz^t:

"At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, by Adjournment, on the second Wednesday of January, 1774:

"It is enacted that the Inhabitants dwelling within the Bounds of this Colony, on the West Side of the River Delaware, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a distinct Town, within like Powers and Priviledges as other Towns in this Colony by Law have, within the following Bounds and Limits, vizt: Bounded East by Delaware River, North by the North Line of this Colony, West by a North and South Line across the Colony at fifteen miles distance from a Place on Susquehanna River called Wyoming, and South by the South Line of the Colony, which Town is hereby annexed to the County of Litchfield, and shall be called by the name of Westmoreland: That Zebulon Butler and Nathan Denison, Esquires, Inhabitants of said Town, are appointed Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Litchfield; That the former is authorized and directed to issue a Warrant, as soon as may be, to notify the Inhabitants of the said Town of Westmoreland in said County, to meet at such Time and Place as he shall appoint, within said Town, to choose officers, and to do any other Business proper to be done at said Meeting; and

"That the Governor of this Colony is authorized and desired to issue a Proclamation, forbidding any Person or Persons whatsoever taking up, entring on, or settling any of the Lands contained or

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included in the Charter of this Colony, lying Westward of the Province of New York, without Liberty first had and obtained from the General Assembly of this Colony.

"These Acts are made and passed by our Assembly, for the Protection and Government of the Inhabitants on the Lands mentioned, to preserve Peace and good Order among them, to prevent Hostilities, Animosities and Contentions among the People there, to promote public Justice, to discourage Vice and Iniquity, and to put a Stop to Intruders entering on those Lands.

"I am, with great Truth and Regard, Sir,

"Your most Obedient,

"Humble Servant,

"JON^TH. TRUMBULL.

"Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire."

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"PHILADELPHIA, 24th February, 1774.

"Sir:

"I have received your Letter of the 31st January last, informing me of the proceedings of your Government with respect to the Colony's Claim of Lands within the Province of Pennsylvania, and particularly of your having erected a Town within certain Boundaries, and annexed it to your County of Litchfield. In my turn, I must acquaint you that the jurisdiction of this Province hath been extended over this Town by Acts of our Assembly, and a very great Part of it hath been granted to the Inhabitants of this Province, and paid for long before your Colony ever determined to set up their Claim. Some of the People who purchased have settled their Lands, and the others have a right to settle them; so that, however your Proceedings may be intended to preserve Peace and good Order, and to prevent Hostilities, Animosities and Contentions, I fear they will have a contrary Effect. In my Opinion, a much more probable Method of promoting those valuable Ends, would have been a forbearance to exercise Acts of Government in that part of the Province of Pennsylvania, until your new Claim had been heard and adjuged to have any real Foundation, by His Majesty in Council, before whom you say you are preparing to lay your Case.

"I shall do every Thing in my Power to avoid Contentions and Disorders among His Majesty's Subjects. At the same Time both my Duty and Interest will prompt me to assert the Rights of this Government, and support its lawful Jurisdiction; and if any disagreeable Consequences shall follow the Proceedings your Colony have adopted, I shall not look upon myself to be at all chargeable with them.

"I am, Sir,

"Your Obedient humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To The Honorable JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Esqre Governor and Commander-in Chief of the Colony of Connecticut, Lebanon."

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MEMORANDUM, 28th February, 1774.

"The Governor received by Express from two of the Justices of Northumberland County, a Copy of an Advertisement which had been lately dispersed through the Counties of Northampton and Northumberland, by Zebulon Butler, at Wyoming, in the Words following, Viz^t :

[Here follows half page of blank in Council Book.]

The Governor and Council taking the same, together with the Letter lately received from the Governor of Connecticut, into Consideration, His Honor, by their Advice, issued a Proclamation in the following Words, Viz^t :

"*By the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, the Assembly of this Province in their last Sessions made the following Resolves, vizt :

"*Resolved*, that a number of Persons emigrating from the Colony of Connecticut, under a pretence of Right to Lands within the Limits and Boundaries of the Royal Grant to the Proprietaries of this Province, without prosecuting their Claim before His Majesty in Council, the only proper Place of Decision, have in a riotous and tumultious Manner, taken Possession of a Tract of Country within the said known Limits and Boundaries, and have held, and still retain their said Possession, in an hostile Manner, to the great disturbance of the Peace of the Province.

"*Resolved*, that the said Emigrants, together with a number of ill-disposed Persons with whom they have confederated, have, in defiance of the Laws of the Country and executive Powers of this Government, afforded Protection to offenders of the most heinious kind, and have, moreover, embodied themselves, and in an hostile manner attempted to dispossess the peaceable Inhabitants, Settled far within the Limits of this Government.

"*Resolved*, that this House will concur with the Governor in every reasonable measure to strengthen the Hands of Government, in preserving the Peace and suppressing all Riots and Tumults, and illegal attempts whatsoever, to disturb the Inhabitants of this Province in their peaceable Possessions.

"*Resolved*, that the Governor be earnestly requested to give special Directions to all the Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other Officers concerned in the administration of Justice, to be vigilant and active in the discharge of their Duty within their several Jurisdictions, and to exert themselves in suppressing all acts of Violence, and every illegal Attempt to dispossess the peaceable Inhabitants of this Province.

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"And Whereas, the said Assembly, in order the more effectually to restrain those lawless disturbers of the Peace, and preserve the Public Tranquility, did also, at ther last Sessions, frame a Bill 'for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy punishing the Rioters,' which has been enacted into a Law; In compliance, therefore, with the said Requisition of the House of Assembly, and to promote the Salutary Ends proposed by the said Resolves and Act of General Assembly, I have thought proper, with the advice of the Council, to issue this, my Proclamation; *And do* hereby strictly enjoin and require all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and all other Officers concerned in the administration of Justice, to be vigilant and active in the discharge of their Duty within their several Jurisdictions, and to exert themselves in quieting and suppressing all acts of Violence, and every illegal attempt to dispossess the peaceable Inhabitants of this Province, and also to enforce and carry the said Riot Act into strict Execution.

"*And Whereas*, I have received information that a certain Zebulon Butler, under pretence of Authority from the Government of Connecticut, hath lately presumed to issue and disperse through the Counties of Northampton and Northumberland, in this Province, a Summons or Advertisement, setting forth that the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut had appointed him a Justice of the Peace for the County of Litchfield, and in a Town lately made and set off by the Assembly of the said Colony, called by the Name of Westmoreland, beginning on the West side of Delaware River, at the Bank of said River, extending westerly fifteen miles from Wyoming, North and South, as the Grant of the said Colony extends, requiring all the Inhabitants of the said Town to meet at Wyoming on a Day therein mentioned, to chuse the several Town Officers, by the Laws of the said Colony, to be chosen at their annual Town Meeting, and to do any other Business proper to be done at the said Meeting. Now I do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid the Inhabitants of the said Counties of Northampton and Northumberland, and all other the Inhabitants of this Province, to yield any Obedience, or pay the least Regard whatsoever to the aforesaid Summons or Advertisement, or to any Orders which may be hereafter given or issued by the said Zubulon Butler, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, who shall presume to act under his authority, or exercise any Jurisdiction within the said Counties of Northampton or Northumberland, or any other Parts within the Limits of this Province, by virtue of any Powers or Instructions from the Government of Connecticut; And I do, in His Majesty's Name, Charge and Command all Persons whatsoever, within the said Counties, as well as all other Inhabitants within the Limits of this Province, to yield due Submission and Obedience to the Laws of this Government, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril; And I do hereby, also, strictly forbid all His Majesty's Subjects of this or any other Province, or Colony, on any pretence

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whatsoever, to intrude upon, Settle, or possess any Lands within the said Counties of Northampton or Northumberland, or any other Lands within the Limits of this Province, without a Grant or Licence obtained from the Proprietaries of the said Province; And I do further hereby enjoin and require all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other Officers, as well as all other His Majesty's Liege Subjects within this Province to exert themselves, and use their utmost Endeavours to prosecute and bring to Justice all Offenders in the Premises.

"*Given* under my Hand and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the twenty-eighth day of February, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, and in the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

"JOHN PENN.

"By his Honour's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Jr. Secr'y.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

MEMORANDUM, 4th March, 1774.

The Governor this day issued a Commission appointing Alexander Wilcorks, Esquire, a Justice of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia.

At a Council held at Philadelphia on Wednesday 9th March, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Junr.	

The Board taking into Consideration the Necessity of an Addition being made to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Northampton, to supply the Place of those Justices who have removed from that County, as well as to accommodate such parts of the County where none at present reside, it was agreed that a new General Commission be issued, and that the Names of those who are now recommended for that purpose, be inserted therein, and a Commission was accordingly issued by the Governor, appointing the following Gentlemen Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Northampton, Viz.:

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The Members of the Proprietary and Governor's Council; and

George Taylor,	Lewis Nichola,	Esquires.
Aaron Dupui,	Arthur Lattimore,	
Lewis Klotz,	Peter Kachlein,	
Lewis Gordon,	John Wetzel,	
Jacob Orndt,	Simon Triesbach,	
James Allen,	Jacob Lesh,	
John Jennings,	John Okely,	
Robert Levers,	Nicholas Dupui,	
Christopher Waggoner,	Jacob Morrey,	
Henry Kooken,	Peter Trexler,	
Joseph Gaston,	Samuel Ray,	
Garret Brodhed,	Felix Lynn,	
John Vancamper,		

Dedimus Potestatem, directed to

GEORGE TAYLOR, } Esquires.
LEWIS GORDON, }

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MEMORANDUM, 16th March, 1774.

The Governor this day received the following Letter from Lord Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, by Express, in answer to His Honor's Letter of the 31st of January:

"WILLIAMSBURG, 3d March, 1774.

"Sir:

"I have been favoured with your Letter of the 31st January, 1774, and Duplicate of the same, the occasion of which having been the appointment of certain Officers by me in a remote District of the County of Augusta, in this Colony, which includes Pittsburg, which having been done as is always my Rule, with the advice of His Majesty's Council, I could not till I had an Oppurtunity of Laying your Letter before them return you an Answer, and it is not till now that I am enabled so to do.

"From the Opinion, therefore, of His Majesty's Council of this Colony, I must inform You that, although the Calculations on which you rely, in the Plan accompanying your Letter, may possibly be found exact, yet they can by no means be considered by us, as the Observations on which they were founded were made without the participation of this Government, or the Assistance of any Person on the part of the Crown; and even if they were admitted, we apprehend they would decide nothing in the present Case, for the Right of the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania to the Country about Pittsburg, must be founded on better Authority than is there adduced to make it valid, and we are strengthened in this Opinion by

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the Principles you yourselves adopt, and the opinion of Lord Cambden, which you have produced in your dispute with Connecticut, with respect to the Right of this Colony to that Country; the Transactions of the late War shew sufficiently what was ever the Sense of the Government of Virginia, with regard to it, and it seems to me that the Step which I have taken ought not to have been either unexpected or surprizing, as you are pleased to say it was to You, when it is well known that formal Declarations were made by the Assembly of Pennsylvania, that Pittsburg was not within the Jurisdiction of that Government at the Time that Requisitions were made to them for the Defence of that Place, the burden of which, on that Account, fell on this Government.

"In Conformity to these Sentiments, you will easily see I cannot possibly, in Compliance with your Request, either revoke the Commissions and Appointments already made, or defer the appointing of such other Officers as I may find necessary for the good Government of that part of the Country, which we cannot but consider to be within the Dominion of Virginia, until His Majesty shall declare the contrary; and I flatter myself I can rely so far on the prudence and Discretion of the Officers whom I have appointed, that the measure which I have pursued may have no tendency to raise disturbances in your Province, as you seem to apprehend, and if any should ensue, I cannot but believe they will be occasioned, on the Contrary, by the violent proceedings of your Officers, in which Opinion I am Justified by what has already taken place, in the irregular Commitment of Mr. John Conolly, for acting under my Authority, which, however, as I must suppose it was entirely without your participation, I conclude he is before this time released; but nevertheless, the Act having been of so outrageous a Nature, and of a tendency so detrimental to both Colonies, that with the Advice of His Majesty's Council of this Dominion, I do insist upon the most ample reparation being made for so great an Insult on the authority of His Majesty's Government of Virginia, and no less can possibly be admitted than the dismission of the Clerk (St. Clair) of Westmoreland County, who had the Audacity, without any authority, to commit a Magistrate acting in the legal discharge of his Trust, unless he (St. Clair) can prewail, by proper Submission, on Mr. Conolly to demand his Pardon of me.

"I am Sir,

"your most obedient humble Servant,

"DUNMORE.

"JOHN PENN, Esquire."

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MEMORANDUM, 31st March, 1774.

The Governor, having taken the foregoing Letter into Consideration, with the advice of the Council, wrote a Letter this day to

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the Earl of Dunmore, in answer thereto, and sent the same by Express, which Letter follows in these Words, Viz^t:

PHILADELPHIA, 31st March, 1774.

"My Lord:

"I was favored with yours of the 3d of this Month by Express, which arrived when several of the Gentlemen of the Council were out of Town; and it being also my Rule to consult the Council upon all Occasions of a Public Nature, I could not possibly give your Lordship's Letter an Answer by the return of your Messenger, who stayed but a very short Time in Town.

"I am sorry the Papers I enclosed you had not the desired effect. I never expected they would be taken as decisive of the Boundaries of Pennsylvania, or conclusive upon your Government, but I had reason to hope they contained such information as would shew at least a very strong probability that Pittsburg, the Place of dispute, was within this Province, and not Subject to the Government of Virginia, and from thence I concluded you would be convinced of the Impropriety of a Step which I conceived must have been taken upon a Supposition that that Place was certainly beyond our Limits. But I perceive your Lordship hath taken up an opinion that it is not material whether it be within our Charter Bounds or not, and that the Right of the Proprietors of Pennsylvania to the Country about Pittsburg, must be founded on better Authority than the Royal Grant. And as your Lordship seems to imagine yourself supported in this Sentiment by our own Principles, in Lord Cambden's Opinion, upon our Case with Connecticut, the Transactions of the late War, and the declarations of our Assembly some Time ago, I will take the Liberty of endeavouring to set you right in some matters which you do not seem to be fully informed of, being persuaded that if I can be so happy as to place them in a different Point of Light from what you have hitherto viewed them in, you will be candid enough to change your Sentiments.

"In the year 1752, the Proprietors of Pennsylvania, understanding that the Government of Virginia were about to erect Forts upon the Ohio, in order to repel the Encroachments of the French on the Properties of the Subjects of His Britannic Majesty, they instructed their then Governor, Mr. Hamilton, to assist in any Measures of that sort, taking an acknowledgment from the Governor of Virginia, that such settlement should not be made use of to prejudice their Right to that Country, and at the same time allowed him to give Assurances that the People should enjoy the Lands they bona fide settled on the common Quit Rent. Of this Instruction Mr. Hamilton, not long after, gave notice to Governor Dinwiddie.

"In the year 1754, Mr. Dinwiddie came to a Resolution of raising Men and building Forts to the Westward, in order to repel the invasions of the French. He had fixed upon the Forks of Mo-

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nongahela as a proper Situation for one of these Forts, supposing it to be on His Majesty's Lands, and issued a Proclamation expressing his purpose of erecting a Fort at that Place, and inviting the People to enlist in His Majesty's Service against the French, and as an Encouragement, promising that the quantity of 200,000 acres of Land should be laid out and divided amongst the adventurers, when the Service should be at an end, 100,000 Acres of which to be laid out adjoining the Fort, and the other 100,000 acres on the Ohio.

"Upon the appearance of this Proclamation, Mr. Hamilton wrote to Governor Dinwiddie the 13th March 1754, reminding him of his former Intimation respecting these Lands, and inclosing an abstract of the Proprietaries' Instructions, and also requesting from him such an acknowledgement as the Proprietaries expected; to which Mr. Dinwiddie, in his Letter of the 21st March 1754, answers, 'Your private Letter of the 13th current I have duly received, and am much misled by our Surveyors if the Forks of Mohongialo be within the Limits of your Proprietors' Grant. I have for some Time wrote home to have the Line run, to have the Boundaries properly known, that I may be able to appoint Magistrates on the Ohio, (if in this Government,) to keep the Traders and others in good order, and I presume soon there will be Commissioners appointed for that service. In the mean Time, that no hindrance may be given to our intended Expedition, it is highly reasonable, if these Lands are in your Proprietor's Grant, that the Setlers should pay the Quit Rent to Mr. Penn, and not to His Majesty, and therefore, as much as lies in my Power, I agree thereto, after the Time granted by my Proclamation to be clear of Quit Rent ceases.

"From this Correspondence between the Governors of Virginia and Pennsylvania, it appears beyond a doubt, that the Terms upon which Forts were built, and Settlements made in that country, by the Government of Virginia, were well understood, and the Rights of Pennsylvania carefully guarded, and these Transactions entirely exclude the Idea of that kind of Settlement, and Acquiescence, or Agreement, of which Lord Cambden speaks, and which are the only Principles in his Opinion, from which your Lordship can draw any Conclusions in favor of the Right of Virginia.

"From this view of the matter, I flatter myself your Lordship will readily perceive, that the Principles of Lord Cambden's opinion do not at all apply to the present Case.

"As to the opinion of our Assemblies, on which you seem also to rely, the case is shortly as follows:

"When Governor Dinwiddie resolved to erect Forts on the Waters of the Ohio, and to carry on an Expedition against the French, who had fortified themselves in several Parts of the Country to the Westward, he applied to Governor Hamilton to procure him the Assistance of this Province. Unfortunately, at

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this Time, there was no very good Understanding between the Government and the Assembly; and when Mr. Hamilton laid Mr. Dinwiddie's Requisition before them, they declined complying with it, and urged for Reasons that, by the Royal Orders to the several Governors, they were not to act as principals out of their own Governments; that they (the Assembly) would not presume to Determine upon the Limits of the Province; and that, by the Papers and Evidences sent down to them and referred to by the Governor, the Limits of this Province had not been clearly ascertained to their Satisfaction.

"It is to be observed, that at this Time there had been no real Mensurations from Delaware to the Westward, except the Temporary Line between this Province and Maryland, which extends only 144 miles from Delaware. From this Line, and from sundry Informations of Indian Traders, founded on computed Distances, over Mountains and crooked Roads, Mr. Hamilton concluded that the French Forts were considerably within this Province, and it hath since appeared with certainty that the Fact was so, though the Assembly were not satisfied with those Proofs; and it appears by a Report of a Committee of Assembly, appointed to examine those Evidences, that they laid no great Stress upon the Opinions of Traders, founded on computed Distances.

"Upon the whole, I cannot find that the Assembly ever made any thing like formal Declarations 'that Pittsburg was not within this Government,' but that they rather declined making any Determination upon the extent of the Province; but, if their Declarations had been ever so formal or positive, I cannot conceive how any proceedings of theirs could affect the State of the Province, controul the Jurisdiction, or prejudice the Rights of the Proprietors.

"Your Lordship is pleased to say 'with respect to the Right of this Colony to that Country, the Transactions of the late War sufficently shew what was ever the Sense of the Government of Virginia with regard to it.'

"I do not know to what particular Transactions you allude, nor can I apprehend upon what Principle the sense of the Government of Virginia can prejudice the Right of Pennsylvania, especially when the Governor of this Province was so far from concurring in any such Sense, that he took the most effectual measures to guard against any Conclusions which might be drawn from it; and I may say, with the strictest Truth, that the Government of Virginia, with great Justice, concurred in this precaution.

"Upon the whole then, My Lord, I hope the Papers I heretofore had the Honor of sending you, when properly attended to, will satisfy you that Pittsburg is at least probably within the Charter Limits of this Province, and I flatter myself that what I have now urged will be sufficient to convince you that nothing can be inferred from the Transactions of the late War, the Correspondence between the Governors of the two Provinces, the proceedings of our Assembly,

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or the Principles of Lord Cambden's Opinion, to contract the Extent of our Charter Bounds, or establish the Right of Virginia to any part of this Province. I therefore, still hope that your Lordship will, upon a review of the Subject, be induced to defer attempting to extend the jurisdiction of Virginia within the Bounds of this Province, and thereby avoid the Occasions of Disturbances and Dissentions amongst His Majesty's Subjects, which will probably ensue such a Step, however prudent and cautious the Magistrates on each Side may be inclined to be, and the rather as a Petition for a Commission to run out, and mark the Boundaries between us, is now depending before His Majesty; And to prevent the setting up claims and making conclusions of Right by the Government of Virginia from the Circumstances of Settlement on the one side and non-Claim on the other, I must take this Opportunity of notifying to your Lordship, that the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania do claim, by their said Petition, as part of their Province of Pennsylvania, all the Lands lying West of a South Line to be drawn from Dixon and Mason's Line, as it is commonly called, at the Westermost part of the Province of Maryland, to the beginning of the fortieth Degree of North Latitude, to the Extent of five Degrees of Longitude from the River Delaware, and I must request your Lordship will neither Grant Lands nor exercise the Government of Virginia within those Limits, till His Majesty's pleasure be known.

"I am truly concerned that you should think the Commitment of Mr. Conolly so great an insult on the authority of the Government of Virginia, as nothing less than Mr. St. Clair's dismission from his Offices can repair.

"The Lands in the Neighborhood of Pittsburg were surveyed for the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania early in the Year 1769, and a very rapid Settlement under this Government soon took Place, and Magistrates were appointed by this Government to act there in the beginning of 1771, who have ever since administered Justice without any interposition of the Government of Virginia, 'till the present Affair; It, therefore, could not fail of being both surprising and alarming, that Mr Conolly should appear to act on that stage under a Commission from Virginia, before any intimation of Claim or Right was ever notified to this Government; The Advertisement of Mr. Conolly had a strong Tendency to raise Disturbances, and occasion a Breach of the Public Peace, in a part of the Country where the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania hath been exercised without objection; and, therefore, Mr. St. Clair thought himself bound, as a good Magistrate, to take a legal Notice of Mr. Conolly.

"Mr. St. Clair is a Gentleman who, for a long Time, had The Honour of Serving His Majesty in the Regulars with Reputation, and in every Station of Life has preserved the Character of a very honest, worthy man, and though perhaps I should not, without first expostulating with You on the Subject, have directed him to take

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the Step, yet you must excuse my not complying with your Lordship's requisition of Stripping him on this Occasion of his offices and Livelihood, which you will allow me to think not only unreasonable but somewhat dictatorial.

"I should be extremely concerned that any misunderstanding should take place between this Government and that of Virginia; I shall carefully avoid every occasion of it, and shall always be ready to join You in the proper Measures to prevent so disagreeable an incident, yet I cannot prevail on myself to accede, in the Manner you require, to a Claim which I esteem, and which I think must appear to every body else, to be altogether Groundless.

"I am Your Lordship's

"Obedient humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To the Right Honourable the Earl of Dunmore, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's province of Virginia, Williamsburg."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 9th April, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor,

Benjamin Chew,
James Tilghman,
Edward Shippen, Junr. } Esquires.

The Board taking into Consideration the Commissions of the Peace for the Counties of Bucks, York, and Bedford, and sundry Alterations appearing necessary to be made in them, the Governor, aster due Consideration of the Matter, was pleased, with the advice of the Council, to issue new Commissions, appointing the following Gentlemen Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas within the said Counties respectively, Vizt.:

For the County of Bucks.

Gilbert Hicks,	Benjamin Matthews,
Joseph Hart,	Jonathan Inghan,
Richard Walker,	Hugh Hartshorne,
John Jameson,	John Kidd,
John Abraham Denormandie,	William Coxe,
Jacob Bogart,	Thomas Riche,
Joseph Kirkbride,	Isaac Hicks,
John Wilkinson,	John Swift,
Henry Wynkoop,	Thomas Foulke,
Robert Patterson,	Francis Murray, Esquires.

Dedimus Potestatem, directed to

GILBERT HICKS,
JOHN ABRAHAM DENORMANDIE,
ISAAC HICKS, Esquires.

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For the County of York.

Robert McPherson,
David Jameson,
Martin Eychelberger,
Archibald McGrew,
John Pope,
Samuel Johnston,
Samuel Edie,
William Delap,
Matthew Dill,
Henry Slegle,
William Smith,
John Smith,
Cunningham Sample,
Richard McAllister,
David McConnaughy,
William Rankin,
Joseph Updegraff,
William Scott,
Joseph Donaldson,
William Leas,
William Bailey, Esquires.

Dedimus Potestatem, directed to

ROBERT McPHERSON,
SAMUEL JOHNSTON, Esquires.

For the County of Bedford.

Bernard Dougherty,
Arthur St. Clair,
William Proctor, Junr.,
Robert Cluggage,
George Woods,
Abraham Keble,
Thomas Smith,
Thomas Coulter,
John Piper,
Elias Stillwell,
Abraham Miley,
Richard Hogland,
Samuel Davidson,
Henry Lloyd,
William Latta, Esquires.

Dedimus Potestatem, directed to

BERNARD DOUGHERTY,
THOMAS SMITH, Esquires.

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MEMORANDUM, 11th April, 1774.

A few Days ago The Governor received the following Letter from Jonathan Trumbull, Esquire, Governor of Connecticut, Vizt:

"LEBANON, 24th March, 1774.

"Sir:

"I received your Letter of the 24th February last. It is with Pleasure I observe 'That you will do every thing in your Power to avoid Contentions and Disorders among His Majesty's Subjects.'

"A great Number of People possessed of, and Settled on a Part of the Lands of the Colony of Connecticut, at or near a Place called Wyoming, lying West of the River Delaware, within the Boundaries and Descriptions of our Royal Charter, made their Application to our Assembly for Protection and Government. In Consequequence thereof, the Town of Westmoreland was made, constituted,

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and annexed to our County of Litchfield, thereby forbearing the exercise of our Jurisdiction over a great Number of others, who have more recently entered under Grants from the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, and Claim other Parts of the Lands belonging to Connecticut.

"It is not to be doubted that your Power and Influence may prevent the Attempts of others to settle under your Claim, and the disagreeable Consequences which may follow the want on your Part of a similar forbearance towards the People of Westmoreland, until a legal and constitutional Decision of the Point in Question may be obtained, which both you and Mr. Wilmot, sollicitor of the Proprietaries, have acquainted us they will never decline.

"It is the Duty of our Governor and Company, in faithfulness to the Trust reposed in them, to assert and support the Rights of this Government and its Inhabitants. They do not look upon themselves chargeable with any Fault for their exercise of Jurisdiction over the People who Inhabit Land they have good Reason to think themselves entituled to by legal Purchase from the aboriginal true Proprietors thereof, and hold the primary possession of, under the right of Pre-emption, for the Benefit and within the Limits of this Colony.

"I am to acquaint you that several Gentlemen from hence, by Virtue of an Act of our Assembly, are employed and instructed to ascertain the Latitudes of certain Places, at and beyond Delaware River. They design to set out the 18th of next Month for that Purpose.

"I am, with Truth and Regard, Sir,
"Your Obedient humble Servant,
"JON^TH TRUMBULL.

"Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire."

The said Letter being taken into Consideration, The Governor, with the advice of the Council, wrote a Letter in answer thereto, in the words following, Viz^t:

"PHILADELPHIA, 11th April, 1774.

"Sir:

"I have your Letter of 24th March last, by the Post. My sentiments of exercising the Jurisdiction of this Government in every part thereof, and the impropriety of extending your Jurisdiction within our Bounds, before you have laid your Claim before His Majesty, are so plainly expressed in the several Letters I have wrote you, and in those which passed between your Commissioners and me, that they need not be repeated; and I cannot but think it strange that you should persist in attempting to support a Possession gained from the People of this Province in a course of absolute Hostility, before your Government had made any Claim to Lands within the Bounds of this Province.

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It appears to me that your taking the Latitudes at or beyond Delaware, within the Bounds of this Province, is premature, and that no Act of your Assembly can authorize any such proceeding. I therefore, cannot concur in that Step, but, on the contrary, must protest against it, and desire it may not be done, lest it should produce Effects which may be injurious to the Public Peace.

"I am, with due Regard,

"Your most Obedient humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To the Honorable JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Esqr. Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Connecticut, Lebanon."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday April 20, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters, Andrew Allen, James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, jun^r. } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter which he received this morning by George Wilson, Esquire, Express from William Crawford, Esquire, President of the Court in Westmoreland County, with several Papers inclosed, relative to the Disturbances created, and still continued, by the People of Virginia, within that County, which were severally read, and are as follow, Viz^t.:

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, April 8th, 1774.

"Sir:

"As some very extraordinary Occurrences have lately happened in this County, it is necessary to write an account of them to you. That which I now give, is at the Request and with the approbation of all the Magistrates that are at present attending the Court.

"A few Weeks ago Mr. Conelly went to Stanton, and was sworn as a Justice of the Peace for Augusta County, in which it is pretended that the Country about Pittsburg is included. He had, before this, brought with from Williamsburg, Commissions of the Peace for several Gentlemen in this Part of the Province, but none of them, I believe, have been accepted of. A number of new Militia Officers have been lately appointed by Lord Dunmore, several Musters of the Militia have been held, and much Confusion has been occasioned by them.

"I am informed that the Militia is composed of Men without Character and without Fortune, and who would be equally averse to the regular Aministration of Justice under the Colony of Virginia, as they are to that under the Province of Pennsylvania. The Disturbances which they have produced at Pittsburg, have been par-

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tinually alarming to the Inhabitants. Mr. Conolly is constantly surrounded with a Body of armed Men. He boasts the Countenanse of the Governor of Virginia, and forcibly obstructs the execution of legal Process, whether from the Court or from Single Magistrates. A Deputy Sheriff has come from Augusta County, and I am told has Writs in his Hands against Captain St Clair and the Sheriff, for the Arrest and confinement of Mr. Conolly.

"The Sheriff was last Week arrested at Pittsburg for serving a Writ on one of the Inhabitants there, but was, after some Time, discharged. On Monday last, one of Conolly's People grossly insulted Mr. McKay, and was confined by him in order to be sent to Gaol; The rest of the Party hearing of it, immediately came to Mr. McKay's House and proceeded to the most violent outrages. Mrs. McKay was wounded in the arm with a Cutlass; the Magistrates and those who came to their Assistance, were treated with much abuse, and the Prisoner was rescued.

"Some Days before the meeting of the Court, a Report was spread that the Militia Officers, at the Head of their several Companies, would come to Mr. Hanna's, use the Court ill, and interrupt the Administration of Justice. On Wednesday, while the Court was adjourned, they came to the Court House and paraded before it; Centinels were placed at the Door, and Mr. Conolly went into the House. One of the Magistrates was hindered by the Militia from going into it, 'till permission was first obtained from their Commander. Mr. Conolly sent a Message to the Magistrates, informing them that he wanted to communicate something to them, and would wait on them for that Purpose. They received him in a Private Room. He read to them the inclosed Paper, together with a Copy of a Letter to you which Lord Dunmore had transmitted to him, enclosed in a Letter to himself, which was written in the same angry and undignified Stile. The Magistrates gave the enclosed answer to what he read; and he soon afterwards departed with his men. Their number was about 180 or 200. On their return to Pittsburg, some of them seized Mr. Elliot of the Bullock Penn, and threatened to put him in stocks for something which they deemed an affront offered to their Commander. Since their Return a certain Edward Thompson, and a Young Man who keeps Store for Mr. Spear, have been arrested by them; and Mr. Conolly, who in person seized the young Man, would not allow him Time even to lock up the Store. In other parts of the County, particularly those adjoining the River Monongahela, the Magistrates have been frequently insulted in the most indecent and violent Manner, and are apprehensive that unless they are speedily and vigorously supported by Government, it will become both fruitless and dangerous for them to proceed in the Execution of their offices. They presume not to point out the measures proper for settling the present Disturbances, but beg leave to recommend the fixing a temporary Line with the utmost Expedition,

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as one step, which in all probability, will contribute very much towards producing that Effect.

"For farther particulars concerning the situation of this County, I refer you to Colonel Wilson, who is kind enough to go on the present Occasion to Philadelphia.

"I am Sir, your very Humble Servant,

"W. CRAWFORD.

"To the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire."

Here follows Dr. Conolly's Address to the Magistrates of Westmoreland County, referred to in the foregoing Letter:

"Gentlemen:

"I am come here to be Occasion of no Disturbances, but to prevent them. As I am countenanced by Government, whatever you may say or conceive, some of the Justices of this Bench are the cause of this Appearance, and not me. I have done this to prevent myself from being illegally taken to Philadelphia. My Orders from the Government of Virginia not being explicit, but claiming the Country about Pittsburg, I have raised the Militia to support the Civil Authority of that Colony vested in me.

"I am come here to free myself from a Promise made to Captain Proctor, but have not conceived myself amenable to this Court, by any Authority from Pennsylvania, upon which Account I cannot apprehend that you have any Right to remain here as Justices of the Peace constituting a Court under that Province; but in order to prevent Confusion, I agree that you may continue to act in that capacity, in all such Matters as may be submitted to your determination by the acquiesence of the People, until I may have Instructions to the Contrary from Virginia, or until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be farther known on this Subject.

"J. CONNOLLY."

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The Answer of the Magistrates of Westmoreland County to the foregoing Address of Dr. Conolly, viz:

"The Jurisdiction of the Court and officers of the County of Westmoreland rests on the legislative Authority of the Province of Pennsylvania, confirmed by His Majesty in Council. That Jurisdiction has been regularly exercised, and the Court and Officers will continue to exercise it in the same regular manner. It is far from their Intention to occasion or foment Disturbances, and they apprehend that no such Intentions can with Propriety be inferred from any part of their conduct, on the Contrary, they wish and will do all in their Power to preserve the public Tranquility. In order to contribute to this very salutary Purpose, they give Information that

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every step will be taken on the part of the Province of Pennsylvania to accommodate any Differences that have arisen between it and the Colony of Virginia, by fixing a temporary Line betwixt them."

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The Deposition of Henry Read, relative to the Disturbances made in Westmoreland County by the Virginians, Viz^t:

"*Westmoreland County, ss:*

"The Deposition of Henry Read, of Pittsburg, Yeoman, (he being of full age,) taken before us, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, on his solemn Oath of the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, is as follows, vizt: That on this day about eleven o'Clock, Doctor John Connolly, at the Head of a number of armed Men on Horseback, came into Pittsburg, and alighted near the Houses of John Ormsby and Joseph Spear, Esquire, when said John Connolly came into Mr. Spear's House, and soon after went out again; that this Deponent, William Amberson, and some others, were tying up Mr. Spears Skins at his Door; that Connolly then ordered one Reily to lay hold of that Fellow, pointing to said Amberson, who is Mr. Spears, and acts for him as store-keeper and Clerk; that Reily laid hold of Amberson by the Arm—that Amberson then requested he might have liberty to lock up the Store, and was endeavouring to go towards the Store Door, when Mr. Connolly came up and seized Amberson by the Breast, and said let the Skins and Store go to the Devil, if your Master was here I would serve him in the same manner; that then Connolly, with several armed Men, took said Amberson down to the Fort; that after some Time this deponent saw said Amberson and Edward Thompson brought up from the Fort to the Town, and guarded by a number of armed Men; that after they had drank some Toddy at Mr. Ormby's Porch, they took Amberson and Thompson to William Christy's House, and placed several armed Men at the Door; that in this State this Deponent left them, and came off Express to give information to Mr. Spear at Westmoreland Court—that there was in Mr. Spear's House a large Quantity of Goods and Skins; and further this Deponent saith not.

"HENRY REED.

"Sworn and Subscribed this 7th day of April, 1774.

"W. CRAWFORD.

"VAN SWEARINGEN."

The Board taking the above Letters and Papers into Consideration, thought it advisable for the Governor to defer writing an Answer thereto, or taking any Steps in consequence of the Intelligence they contain, till the return of the Express from Williamsburg, who was lately dispatched by this Government to the Earl of Dunmore, on the Subject of the above mentioned Disturbances.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 21st April, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters, Andrew Allen, } Esquires.
James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, Junr. }

The Express sent to Williamsburg being returned without any Answer from the Government of Virginia, The Governor recommended to the Board the Consideration of the Subject relative to the Disturbances and violences committed by the People of that Colony, within the County of Westmoreland, and laid before them three Letters he received two days ago by Express from Æneas McKay, Devereux Smith and Andrew McFarlane, Esquires, Magistrates of that County, each dated the 9th of April Instant, which were severally read, and Messrs McKay and Smith's Letters follow in these words, Vizt:

"PITTSBURG, 9th April, 1774.

"Sir:

"I have just Time to inform your Honor that the Justices Devereux Smith, Andrew McFarlane and myself, returned from Court late last night to this Place, and that we were all three taken Prisoners at half an Hour past nine o'clock this morning, by order of Dr. Conelly, and because we refused giving Bail, we are ordered to be sent off this Afternoon to Stanton, in Virginia, where I suppose we will spend the most of this summer, which gives me no manner of Concern so far as it affects my own Person, altho' I can't but feel for, and lament the distressing situation of my Wife and Children, left here exposed to the Insults and Tyranny of a lawless Mob, whose aim is to subvert Government and good order, and enrich themselves with the Spoils of their Neighbors.

"I am, with due Respect, Sir,

"Your humble and most Obedient Servant,

"ÆN'S MACKAY."

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"PITTSBURGH, April the 9th, 1774.

"Sir:

"When Justices McKay, McFarlane, and I, returned from attending the Court last Evening, we were informed that Doctor Connolly was determined to issue King's warrants for us, which were served on the above mentioned Gentlemen and myself this day, by Mr. Conolly's Sheriff. The Crime which we are charged with, is for the Answer we gave Doctor Conolly in writing, by the Concurrence of the Court at Westmoreland, a Copy of which was inclosed

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to your Honor p' favor of Colonel Wilson. Mr. Connolly offered to enlarge us, on condition of giving Bail to take our Trial at Stanton Court in Virginia, which the other Gentlemen and I refused, so that we are to go to Jail this day, where we intend to remain 'till your Honor's Pleasure is known, which we make no doubt will be in a short Time. 'Tis true our going away from our Families and Business at this Time will be attended with very great Inconveniencies, but we are willing to suffer that, and a great deal more, rather than bring a disgrace on the Commission which we bear under your Honor.

"I am with great Respect, Sir,
"Your Honor's most Obedient,
"and most humble Servant,
"DEVEREUX SMITH."

Mr. McFarlane's Letter is of the same Tenor with the foregoing one from Mr. Smith.

The Board taking into Consideration the said Letters, as well as the Letters and Papers laid before them at their last Meeting, are of opinion that the most adviseable step to be taken on this occasion by the Government, will be to appoint Commissioners, to go as soon as possible to Williamsburg, in order to represent to the Government of Virginia the ill Consequences which may happen to the Persons and Properties of His Majesty's Subjects, if an immediate stop be not put to the Disorders and violent proceedings which have been begun and are now carrying on, under the Authority of that Government, within the Western Bounds of this Province, and also to confer with the said Government on the most proper Measures for establishing Peace and good Order among His Majesty's Subjects of both Governments, and for that Purpose to endeavor to agree upon a temporary Line of Jurisdiction; and further to request the said Government will, without Loss of Time, join with the Proprietaries of this Province in an application to the Crown to appoint Commissioners for running and ascertaining the true Boundary Lines between Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The Board were likewise of Opinion that a Letter should be wrote to the three Magistrates who have been put under an Arrest by Mr. Connolly, thanking them for their spirited Behaviour, and acquainting them that proper Care shall be taken to supply them, at the Expence of this Government, with all Necessaries which may render their Situation as comfortable and easy as possible, until their Discharge can be obtained; And also, that a Letter of Instructions be sent to the other Magistrates of Westmoreland, respecting their future Conduct.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 22d April, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters, Andrew Allen, James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, Junr. } Esquires.

A Member of Council laid before the Board Draughts of two Letters proposed to be sent to the Magistrates of Westmoreland County, which were read, and after a few Alterations made to them, were ordered to be fairly transcribed and dispatched to-morrow by the Express who came from that County. The Letters follow in these Words, Vizt:

"PHILADELPHIA, 22d April, 1774.

"Gentlemen:

"I received Your several Letters informing me of your Arrest and Confinement, on Warrants issued by Doctor Conolly, and cannot but greatly approve your Spirit, and the Attachment you have shown to the Interests of this Province. But as the Confinement of your Persons, at so great a Distance from your Homes, must be very injurious to your private Concerns, if you can procure your enlargement by finding Bail, I shall by no means disapprove such a Step. I shall, with all possible Expedition, send Commissioners to my Lord Dunmore, to apply for your Discharge; and as Colonel Wilson is so obliging as to offer to call at Stanton in his way home, I have instructed him to procure for you any Security or Credit you may stand in need of, and shall do every Thing in my Power to free you from your disagreeable Situation, or to make it as comfortable as may be.

"I am, Gentlemen,

"Your very humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To Æneas Mackay, Devereux Smith, and Andrew McFarlane, Esquires, Justices of the Peace for the County of Westmoreland."

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"PHILADELPHIA, 22d April, 1774.

"Gentlemen:

"The present alarming Situation of our Affairs in Westmoreland County, occasioned by the very unaccountable Conduct of the Government of Virginia, requires the utmost Attention of this Government, and therefore I intend, with all possible Expedition, to send Commissioners to expostulate with my Lord Dunmore upon the Behaviour of those he has thought proper to invest with such power as hath greatly disturbed the peace of that Country. As the Government of Virginia hath the Power of raising a Militia,

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and there is not any such in this Province, it will be in vain to contend with them in the way of Force; the Magistrates, therefore, at the same Time that they continue with steadiness to exercise the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania with respect to the distributions of Justice and punishment of Vice, must be cautious of entering into any such Contests with the Officers of my Lord Dunmore, as may tend to widen the present unhappy Breach; and therefore, as Things are at present circumstanced, I would not advise the Magistracy of Westmoreland County to proceed by way of criminal prosecution against them for exercising the Government of Virginia.

"I flatter myself that our Commissioners to Virginia will succeed according to our expectations, and that our Affairs to the Westward will soon be put upon a peaceable and quiet Footing.

"I am Gentlemen,

"Your very humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To WILLIAM CRAWFORD, Esquire, and his Associates, Justices of Westmoreland County."

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The Governor laid before the Board the several Records of the Conviction of Joseph Price, Thomas Stephens, Richard Burch and Conrad Founder, for Burglary, James Swain and Mulatto Elizabeth, for Murder, and Bernard Repton, for counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Province, at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Philadelphia, for the County of Philadelphia, in April Instant, before William Allen, John Lawrence and Thomas Willing, Esquires, Justices of the said Court; and also the Record of the Conviction of William Wright for Burglary, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held on the 5th Instant, at Newtown, for the County of Bucks, before John Lawrence and Thomas Willing, Esquires, by which Records it appears that the said Criminals had all received Sentence of Death.

The Governor at the same Time informed the Councils that the Judges, in their Report made to him this day, had recommended three of the said Criminals as Objects of mercy, vizt: William Wright, James Hamilton and Conrad Founder, and had mentioned no Circumstances in favor of either of the others. *The Board* duly considering the several Cases of the said Criminals, are of Opinion that Warrants should be issued for the Execution of Joseph Price, Thomas Stephens, Richard Burch, James Swain, Mulatto, Elizabeth and Bernard Repton, on Saturday the thirtieth of this Instant, and they advise the Governor to issue a Reprieve for Conrad Founder, during Pleasure, and to give Orders that he be transported out of this Province, and also to grant Pardons to James Hamilton and William Wright. It is, therefore, Ordered that Warrants of Execution, Reprieve and Pardons, be forthwith made out accordingly.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 29th April, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, Andrew Allen, } Esquires.
James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, jun^r, }

The Office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this Province being now vacant by the resignation of William Allen, Esquire, and it being necessary that some other proper Person be appointed to succeed him, The Governor was pleased to name Benjamin Chew, Esquire, a member of this Board, as a Gentleman whose Knowledge in the Law and well known Abilities, sufficiently qualify him for that important Station. The Board unanimously approving the said nomination, It is Ordered that he be commissionated Chief Justice accordingly.

It being also thought proper by the Board that a fourth Justice of the Supream Court should be appointed, pursuant to an Act of Assembly passed in Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled "An Act to amend the act for establishing Courts of Judicature within this Province, and the Governor having named John Morton, Esquire, of Chester County, as a Gentleman whom he had thought of to execute that office, The Board concurred in that nomination, and it is ordered accordingly, that he be commissionated as Fourth Justice of the Supreme Court.

It is likewise agreed by the Board, and Ordered, that new Commissions be issued this Day to John Lawrence and Thomas Willing, Esquires, appointing them Second and Third Justices of the said Court respectively; And also, that a new Commission be issued, assigning and appointing the four Gentlemen above mentioned Justices of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for this Province.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 7th May, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, }
James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Andrew Allen, }

Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Andrew Allen having agreed, at the particular Request of the Governor, to undertake a Journey to Williamsburg, as Commissioners from this Government, to treat with the Governor of Virginia, on the subject of the Disturbances in

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Westmoreland County, occasioned by his extending the Jurisdiction of his Government within the Western Limits of this Province, and to negociate such other Matters with him as were agreed upon in Council the 21st of last Month, one of the Members laid before the Board a Draught of a Commission and a Letter of Instructions to the above named Gentlemen, and also a Letter to be sent with them to the Earl of Dunmore, which being severally considered, were fairly transcribed and signed by the Governor, and follow in these Words, Vizt:

"*JOHN PENN Esquire, one of the Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware:*

"*To James Tilghman and Andrew Allen, two of the Council of the said Province and Counties, Esquires, Greeting:*

"WHEREAS His Majesty, King Charles the Second, by his Letters Patent bearing Date the Fourth day of March, Anno Domini, 1681, did for the Considerations therein mentioned, Give and Grant the Province of Pennsylvania, by the Bounds and Limits therein particularly set forth and described, to William Penn, Esquire, his Heirs and Assignes forever, constituting him and them Proprietary and Proprietaries thereof, with divers powers, Franchises, and Jurisdictions, for the better Government thereof, as by the said Letters Patent may at large appear: *And Whereas*, the Western Lines and Bounds of the said Province, specified in the said Letters Patent, having never yet been regularly and precisely run, marked out, or ascertained, divers Differences and Disputes have of late arisen between the Right Honorable The Earl of Dunmore, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, &c. of His Majesty's Colony or Dominion of Virginia, and the Honorable the Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, their respective Grantees, Tenants, and Officers, respecting the Western Bounds and Limits of the said Province, and the Jurisdiction of the said Colony or Dominion and Province, which have been productive of Great Troubles and Disquiets to the Settlers and Inhabitants there, and endanger the King's Peace and the public Tranquility. To the End therefore, that the Evils which have already arisen, and which are likely to arise in the Premises, may be remedied and prevented, I have nominated and appointed, and do by these Presents nominate and appoint you, the said James Tilghman and Andrew Allen, Esquires, to be Commissioners on the Part of the Proprietaries of this Province, to confer and treat with His Excellency, The Right Honorable the Earl of Dunmore, of and concerning the Premises, and to agree upon such measures as you shall judge most expedient for Settling and composing the said Differences, Troubles and Disquiets, either by a temporary Line or Boundary of Jurisdiction, or otherwise, as may best answer the good Purposes of preserving His Majesty's Peace, and quieting the Minds of the Inhabitants on or near the Borders of the two Colonies or Provinces, until the final

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Settlement of the said Boundaries shall be effected; hereby ratifying and confirming whatever you shall do in the Provinces.

"*In Testimony* whereof I have set my Hand, and caused the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed, at Philadèlphia, the seventh day of May, 1774.

"JOHN PENN.

"Instructions to James Tilghman and Andrew Allen, Esquires, Commissioners appointed to treat and agree with the Right Honorable John Earl of Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, concerning the Settlement of the Western Bounds and Limits of the Province of Pennsylvania, and preserving the Public Peace and Tranquility on the Borders 'till a final Settlement of the said Lines.

"1st. You are to proceed without loss of time to Williamsburg, the Place of His Lordship's Residence in Virginia, and enter upon the Execution of your Commission as soon as possible after your Arrival. Should his Lordship be from Home, and not gone to too great a Distance, you will wait his Return, or send an Express (as you judge most proper), to acquaint him with your being sent from this Government to treat with him on Public Business and request his return.

"2d. Your first Point should be to prevail with him to join with the Proprietaries of this Province in a Petition to His Majesty in Council to appoint Commissioners to run and mark out the Boundary or Division Line, such as His Majesty shall please to order and direct, between this Province and Virginia, the expence of which to be equally borne by the two Colonies.

"3d. Whether his Lordship should accede to the above Proposal or not, you should urge every Argument in your power to induce him to agree to the settling a Temporary Line of Jurisdiction between the two Colonies, 'till the said Boundary Lines shall be settled, or His Majesty's Orders and Directions can be obtained respecting the same.

"4th. Should his Lordship come into the last mentioned Measure, you will no doubt endeavour to fix the Temporary Line of Jurisdiction as favorably as possible for this Province, and as near to the Charter Bounds as you can; and in Order thereto, you will refer yourselves to the Map, or plan heretofore transmitted by me to him, which shews to Demonstration that Fort Pitt is near six miles to the Eastward of our five Degrees of Longitude. At any Rate, however, you are not to accede to any proposed temporary Line which shall give Jurisdiction to Virginia over any Lands lying to the Eastward of the River Monongahela.

"5th. Whatever may be the temporary Line agreed on, you should take Care to insert a Clause in the Articles to be drawn up, containing a saving of the Rights on both sides to the Lands up to the true Lines or Boundaries, where they shall be finally settled.

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"6th. If the Business is not carried on by the interchange of Letters or written Proposals between you, You should take private Notes or Minutes, by way of Diary, of every Thing material that passes, not only to enable you to make an exact Report of the whole Transaction, but to found Affidavits on, to be sent to England if necessary. As great reliance is had on your Knowledge and Abilities, any further Instructions are unnecessary.

"JOHN PENN.

"PHILADELPHIA, 7th May, 1774."

Here follows the Governor's Letter to the Earl of Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, Viz':

"PHILADELPHIA, 7th May, 1774.

"My Lord:

"By Accounts received from the Westward since my last Letter to Your Lordship, I find that the Disorders in that Quarter are greatly increased by your Lordship's extending the Jurisdiction of Virginia to Pittsburgh, and the Country thereabouts, and that Doctor Conolly's Proceedings have been such as are very alarming, and have a tendency to put the whole Country beyond the Allegheny Mountains into a State of Confusion.

"The Consideration of these unhappy Circumstances have induced me to send two Gentlemen of my Council, Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Allen, to wait on your Lordship, in order to confer with you on this important Subject, and, if possible, to conclude with you upon such Measures as may restore and establish the Public Tranquility until the Lines and Boundaries of this Province can be finally settled by His Majesty's Authority, for which good Purpose I flatter myself your Lordship will not hesitate to join with us in representing to His Majesty the necessity of such a Settlement. In the mean Time, I am in hopes such Temporary Expedients may be fallen upon as may put an End to the present Disturbances, secure the Public Peace, and quiet the Minds of the People concerned in the unhappy differences which at present subsist between the Governments of Virginia and this Province.

"I am, with great Respect,

"Your Lordship's most Obedient humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN,

"To the Right Honorable the Earl of Dunmore, Governor and Com-Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Province of Virginia, Williamsburg."

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MEMORANDUM, 1st June, 1774.

The Reverend Dr. Peters having, at the Instance of the Governor, wrote a Letter to Henry Wilmot, Esquire, the same was ordered to

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he entered on the Minutes of Council, and follows in these Words, Viz^t:

PHILADELPHIA, 18th May, 1774.

"Sir:

"I am desired by the Governor to give you an Account of what I know with respect to an Indian Deed, under which some private People, calling themselves the Susquehanna Company, Inhabitants of the Colony of Connecticut, claim all the Lands in Pennsylvania between the 41st and 42d Degree of Latitude. This, then, that follows, will give a true Notion of the whole Transaction, as far as my Remembrance will enable me to recollect Matters.

"In the Year 1741, The Proprietor, Thomas Penn, went from here for England, and from that Time to this, I have been well acquainted with all sorts of Indian Negotiations, and have had a great Share in the management of them, either as Proprietary Secretary, or as a Member of Council, or as Provincial Secretary, so that I can speak from the best Grounds of every Matter relating to Indians for above thirty Years; and I can with Truth declare, that before the Year 1753, I never, that I can remember, heard of any Claim set up by the Government, or any of the Inhabitants of the Colony of Connecticut, to any Lands within this Province.

"In the Year 1753, I received Information of a Claim set up by some Connecticut People, to a Degree of Longitude within this Province, in virtue of the Connecticut Charter, and that there was a party gone into the Indian Country to make a Purchase of Lands, between Susquehanna and Delaware, to begin at or near Wyomink. Mr. Hamilton and several others were alarmed at this wicked attempt, and Conrad Weiser, the Indian Intrepreter, was ordered to give the Six Nation Indians an account of this Intelligence, and to put them upon their Guard. Colonel Johnson, the Indian Agent for His Majesty in the New York Government, was likewise made acquainted with this new Project, and desired likewise to apprise the Indians of it. The Intelligence was likewise communicated to the Governor and Deputy Governor of Connecticut, who both disavowed the Thing, and declared that the Government had no Concern in it; and the Letters which passed between Mr. Hamilton and the Government of Connecticut were put into the Council Books, and a Copy of those Minutes of Council are exemplified under the Great Seal and sent to you.

"The Year following, namely: in the year 1754, there was a Congress, by Order of the Crown, at Albany, between the whole Body of the Six Nations and the King's Agent, together with the Governments of all the Northern Colonies. Four Commissioners were sent on the part of Pennsylvania, Mr. John Penn and myself on the Part of the Governor, and Mr. Isaac Norris and Mr. Benjamin Franklin, on the part of the Assembly, were the four Commissioners for this Province, at that Congress. This being deemed

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a proper Time to get a Purchase from the Indians of more Lands, and which was become absolutely necessary by the Numbers of People that had come into the Province and could not be kept within the Bounds of the purchased Lands, Mr. John Penn and myself were instructed and empowered to make as extensive a Purchase as the Indians could be prevailed on to make, and Belts were sent to the Onondago Council by the Governor, to signify to them his Desire to make another Purchase of them when they should be all together at this Public Treaty at Albany. Accordingly, as both sides were before hand prepared for a new Indian Purchase, the Matter was gone upon, and a large Extent of Country, even as far as the Western Boundary of the Province, was treated for and agreed to in open Council, and a Deed executed by the Indians; and likewise another Deed was executed by them, confirming to the Proprietaries a former Deed, wherein the Indians bound themselves not to sell to any Persons whatever any of the Lands comprized within the Bounds of His Majesty's Charter to the Proprietaries. The Connecticut attempt was likewise made known by the Indians to us, and they, in their Speeches, declared their absolute refusal to make any Grant to them of any Lands they were solliciting for; and, indeed, in their Public Treaty, they over and over declared that they would sell none of the Wyoming Country either to them or to us, it being what they had reserved for their own use, and for the reception of such other Indians as would want to come and reside amongst them. These, and further Particulars, are to be seen in the exemplied Copy of the Report of that Treaty, made by Mr. John Penn and myself to Governor Hamilton, as the same is entered in the Minutes of Council.

"This will serve to shew that at that Time there was no Indian Deed made to the Connecticut People by the Onondago Council, and that if any Deed is set up it must have been obtained in a clandestine Manner from private Indians. Indeed it was then currently reported that one Lydins, of the City of Albany, had undertaken this Matter for the Connecticut People, and as he lived (and I think kept a Public House) at Albany, he made it his Business to get the Indians, as they came to Trade there, into his House, and by Liquor or private Bribes, by twos or threes, as he could find Opportunity, to prevail with them to execute a Deed, which was lodged with him for this infamous Purpose.

"I have further to observe, that the Persons to whom this pretended Indian Deed was made were private People, and acting in direct Opposition to their own Laws, and in open Violation of the Right if any, of the Colony of Connecticut to those Lands. The Indians themselves in public Treaties, made mention that these very Lands were formerly given by them to Colonel Dungan by Deeds regularly and duly executed, but in Trust for them as they said, and that Colonel Dungan sold those Lands to the late Proprietor, Mr. Penn who, notwithstanding this Purchase from Colonel

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Dungan, did not hesitate to buy them over again of the Indians, and to give them the full Consideration for them.

"Let it be further observed that, in the General Treaty held at Fort Stanwix by Sir William Johnson, His Majesty's Indian Agent with all the six Nation Indians, in 1768, for the King's Purchase of Lands from them, and to settle a General Boundary between the Indians and the King's Subjects, at which The Governor of Jersey and Commissioners from the other Provinces, and from Pennsylvania in particular, were present, and assisting the Indians, executed a Deed to the Proprietors of Pennsylvania for all the Lands within the Bounds of this Province, so far as they had then settled the General Boundary with His Majesty. That this Purchase contains all or most of the Lands claimed by Connecticut, and that the Consideration Money, together with the Expences attending that Treaty, amounted to the Sum of eight thousand Pounds, or some Sum near that, and in that very Treaty, this Attempt of the Connecticut People was solemnly mentioned and as Solemnly condemned by all the Indians.

"As this Great Treaty is deservedly esteemed the Basis and Foundation of all Matters relating to Lands between the Indian Nations and His Majesty, it was transmitted by Sir William Johnson to the King's Ministers, and lies among the Public Papers in the Privy Council, and may be consulted for the Truth of what is here set down by the Proprietarie's Sollicitors at any future Time.

"As it is supposed that the Susquehanna Company have assigned over their Right under this Deed to the Government of Connecticut, I have been thus particular, and this Detail of the Circumstances that attended the obtainment of the Indian Deed may be kept among the Proprietary Papers, together with the exemplified Minutes of Council that have been sent to you, and may be made use of in order to furnish ample Proofs for the invalidating of this pretended Indian Deed, if it should ever be set up by the Connecticut Government.

"I am, Sir,
"Your most humble Servant,
"RICHARD PETERS.

"To HENRY WILMOT, Esquire, in Bloomsbury Square, London."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 7th June, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

James Hamilton,
James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Andrew Allen,

The Governor laid before the Board the Copy of a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Province, to call the Assembly on occa-

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sion of the late Act of Parliament respecting the Port of Boston, which is to be presented to-morrow, and requested their Advice as to a proper answer to be given to the same, upon which the following answer was drawn up and approved :

"Gentlemen :

"Upon all Occasions when the Peace, Order and Tranquility of the Province require it, I shall be ready to convene the Assembly, but as that does not appear to me to be the Case at present, I cannot think such a Step would be expedient or consistent with my Duty."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 27th June, 1774.

PRESENT :

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Richard Peters,	Andrew Allen,	
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, junr.	
Thomas Cadwalader,		

The Governor laid before the Board several Letters he received by different Expresses from Westmoreland, all informing him of Sundry Murders, committed on the Frontiers of this Province by the Indians, and representing the great Distress and Confusion of the Inhabitants of that Country, from the Apprehensions of an Indian War; which being read and duly considered, it was the opinion and Advice of the Board that Writs be issued for convening the Assembly on the 18th of July next, which was done accordingly; that a Letter be wrote by the Governor to Sir William Johnson, acquainting him with the Intelligence received of these hostile Transactions and Troubles, and to request his Interposition with the Six Nations to use their Influence and Endeavours, with the Shawanese and Delawares, to prevent further Hostilities on their Part, and to assure them of the sincere Intentions of this Government to continue their pacific Dispositions towards all our Indian Brethren; that a Letter be wrote to Lord Dunmore on this Subject, to complain of Dr. Conolly's oppressive and tyrannical Conduct at Pittsburg, and the dangerous tendency his Military Operations, &c. have to involve the Colonies in a general Indian War; that a Letter be wrote to Captain St. Clair, advising him of the above Measures, that the Governor approves of what has been done by him and the Inhabitants, for preventing the Desertion of the People, and requesting him to use his Endeavours to encourage the People to stand their Ground, and Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Shippen, are appointed a Committee to prepare Draughts of the said Letters.

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It appearing by the Letters received, that the People in Westmoreland were in great Necessity of Ammunition, the Board advised the Governor to order a further Supply immediately to be sent to them.

The Chief Justice presented to the Governor Records of the Conviction of two Criminals at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Carlisle, for the County of Cumberland, on the eighth day of June Instant, by which it appears that James Anderson was convicted of the Murder of William Barnet, his Son-in-Law, and that Peter Gillespie was convicted of the Murder of Bridget Gillespie, his Wife, and had each received Sentence of Death. The Chief Justice at the same Time, in his Report to the Governor, observed that no Circumstances appeared on the Trials in favor of either of the said Criminals which could induce him to recommend them for Mercy. It was therefore ordered that Warrants be issued for their Execution on Saturday the 16th of July next.

Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Allen laid before the Board a Report of their Proceedings in Virginia, pursuant to the Commission and Instructions of the 7th of May last, given to them to treat with the Earl of Dunmore, Governor of that Province, concerning the several Matters therein contained, together with Copies of their several Letters to his Lordship, and his Original Letters to them, which passed in the Course of their Negotiation at Williamsburg, all which were ordered to be entered on the Minutes of Council, and follow in these Words, Viz^t:

"The Report of James Tilghman and Andrew Allen, Commissioners appointed by the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor of Pennsylvania, to treat with the Right Honorable the Earl of Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, on Sundry Public Matters mentioned in the Commission, and the Governor's Instructions, bearing equal date therewith.

"May it please your Honour:

"In Pursuance of Your Honor's Commission, and Your Instructions attending it, we set out on our Journey on Thursday the 12th of May, 1774, and on Thursday the 19th, we arrived at Williamsburgh, and went to Lord Dunmore's. He was not then at Home. We waited on him next Morning to pay our Respects, and to know when it would be agreeable to him to have our Business laid before him. Saturday Morning at ten O'Clock, was appointed to wait upon him on the Occasion. We met him at his House, and informed him our Business was to apply to him to join the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania in a Petition to the Crown to appoint Commissioners to Settle and run the Lines of Pennsylvania to the Westward, and in the mean Time to agree with his Lordship upon some Line of Jurisdiction to remedy the inconveniences of the present clashing jurisdictions between Virginia and Pennsylvania, and to prevent them for the future. To the first he readily agreed, and said he had

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already written to Lord Dartmouth on the Subject, pointing out the Necessity of Settling the Boundaries, but he informed us that the Colony of Virginia would not bear any Part of the Expence. As to the other Point, His Lordship answered that he should be glad our Propositions relating to a Line of Jurisdiction were stated in Writing, that he might be the better able to consider them, and give us an answer, and desired to have a Sight of any Draughts or Papers we had which might illustrate the matter. This Request we promised to comply with as soon as possible, and on Monday the 23d, at ten O'Clock, we sent our written Proposals, Copies of which, and of the several other Letters which passed from us to Lord Dunmore in the Course of the Negotiation, as also, his Original Letters to us, are hereunto annexed, numbered in proper Order, and to which we beg leave to refer, and request that they may be taken as part of our Report. We have the Honor to be, with great Regard,

"Your Honor's most obedient humble Servants,

"JAMES TILGHMAN,

"ANDREW ALLEN,

"To the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire.

"PHILADELPHIA, June 7th, 1774."

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(No. 1.)

Letter from James Tilghman and Andrew Allen, Esquires, to Lord Dunmore.

"My Lord:

"In compliance with your Lordship's Request, We are now to state in Writing our Proposal of a Line or Lines to ascertain for the present the Jurisdiction of the Colonies of Virginia and Pennsylvania. And we would beg leave first to observe that, by the Terms of the Royal Grant, the Province of Pennsylvania is to extend five Degrees of Longitude from its Eastern Boundaries, which are the River Delaware, and the twelve Mile Circle of New Castle; And we do presume that all the Settlements to the Westward, under Grants from Pennsylvania, are within that Extent. But in order to ascertain that Matter, and to prevent for the future such disagreeable Differences and Disquiets as have of late unhappily subsisted between those Colonies by the clashing of their Jurisdictions, We would propose that as accurate a Survey as may serve the present Purpose, be with all convenient Speed taken by Surveyors to be appointed by the Governments of Virginia and Pennsylvania, of the Courses of the River Delaware, from the Mouth of Christiana Creek, or near it, where the Line run between Maryland and Pennsylvania, by Messrs. Mason and Dixon, intersects the said River, to that part of the said River which lies in the Latitude of Fort Pitt, and as much further as may be needful for the present purpose. That then the Line of Dixon and Mason be continued to the

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end of five Degrees of Longitude from the River Delaware, and from the end of the same five Degrees a Line or Lines corresponding to the Courses of the Delaware be run to the River Ohio, as nearly as may be at the Distance of five Degrees from the said River Delaware in every Part. And that the said Line of Dixon and Mason, continued from the Western extent of Maryland to the end of five Degrees of Longitude from the Delaware, and the said Line or Lines, similar to the Courses of the Delaware, be taken, deemed, and reputed, to be Lines of Jurisdiction between the Colonies of Virginia and Pennsylvania, until the Boundaries of Pennsylvania can be settled, and run and marked, by Royal Authority, for which Purpose your Lordship hath been pleased to consent to a joint Application with the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania to the Crown. That these Lines of Jurisdiction shall be established for the good Purpose only of quieting the Disturbances which at present subsist between the two Colonies, without any Prejudice to the Crown or the Proprietors of Pennsylvania, to the Southward of the said Line of Dixon and Mason, continued as far as the fortieth Degree of North Latitude, (all which Land the Proprietors of Pennsylvania claim,) until the Limits of Pennsylvania can be finally settled as aforesaid. And we would further propose to your Lordship, that until the said Lines of Jurisdiction can be run, the Jurisdiction of Virginia be suspended at Fort Pitt, and the Country thereabouts, as the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania was unquestionably first extended and executed in that part of the Country, as we think we can clearly satisfy your Lordship.

"If these Proposals, or the Maps we send with them, Should not be sufficiently clear and explicit, we shall be ready at any Time to attend your Lordship, in Order to explain them.

"We have the Honor to be,

"your Lordship's most obedient and most humble Servants,

"JAMES TILGHMAN,
"ANDREW ALLEN.

"Williamsburg, May 23d, 1774."

"To His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of Dunmore, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

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(No. 2.)

Letter from Lord Dunmore to James Tilghman, and Andrew Allen, Esquires.

"WILLIAMSBURG, 24th May, 1774.

"Gentlemen:

"Having considered your Proposals of a Boundary Line or Lines to ascertain for the present the Jurisdiction of the Colonies of Vir-

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ginia and Pennsylvania, and the Terms of the Royal Grant, I am of Opinion that the latter cannot admit of the Construction which you give to them, or that it could possibly be the Intent of the Crown that the Western Bounds of your Province should have the very inconvenient, and so difficult to be ascertained, Shape as it would have if, as you say, it were to correspond with the course of the River Delaware; but I think from the words of the Grant, rather than your Western Boundary should be determined by a Meridian Line at five degrees of Longitude from the River Delaware, to be computed from that Point upon it which is at the extent of the 42d degree of Latitude, and the Line drawn from that Point to the aforesaid Meridian, is your North Bounds; and your South Bounds should be a Strait Line Westward from the Circle drawn at twelve Miles distance from New-Castle Northward, and Westward unto the beginning of the fortieth degree of Latitude, until that Strait Line Westward intersect the Meridian above mentioned, which is the Limits of Longitude mentioned in the Royal Grant, and no other, as it appears to me. Conformable to this, I am willing to agree to a temporary Line, that may serve to ascertain the Jurisdiction of both Colonies, and quiet the Disturbances which subsist, and prevent them in future; but if you are already determined not to depart from the Proposals now given in to me, I must inform you that it will be in vain to treat any further upon the Subject, as it would be utterly impossible for me, in compliance with my Duty, to suspend the Jurisdiction of Virginia at Fort Pitt and Country thereabouts, which you make yourselves, following your own Construction of the Royal Grant, to be only five or six Miles within your Limits; and if that should not, but the other which I have given, be the true Construction, then Fort Pitt, by the River Delaware, running very much Easterdly towards your Northern Bounds, will probably be at least fifty Miles without your Limits, which would be a Concession, I really think, too great for me to make, whether it be or not for you to ask.

"I must also inform you that I am clearly of Opinion that, were it possible I could admit your own Construction of the Royal Grant, and your own Surveys and Observations, your ascertaining your Claim under the Former has been done too late, and your ascertaining your Boundary by the latter has consequently been to no Purpose; for, if the Lands described by the Royal Grant, at the Time of the Grant being passed, were clearly within the undoubted Limits of His Majesty's Dominions, which is also a Question, yet still Fort Pitt and Country thereabouts, for want of the Proprietors of Pennsylvania supporting their Claim and ascertaining their Boundary in due Time, was suffered to be claimed and possessed by an Enemy, from whom it was conquered by His Majesty's Arms, and by whom it was confirmed to His Majesty in a Treaty. Consequently therefore, no legal Title, as it appears to me, can be set up to any of that Territory, but under a Grant of the Crown, Subsequent to such Possession, Conquest, &c.

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"As to your Idea of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania having been first extended and exercised in that part of the Country, it was, indeed, the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania having been extended and exercised, not only there where you have extended your Claims, but even to a hundred Miles beyond any that you have yet pretended to, that has given occasion to the Inhabitants over whom your Jurisdiction was exercised, and who think themselves, according to the general Sense of Virginia, subject to the Jurisdiction only of the latter, to apply to this Government for protection and redress, which this Government, in duty, could not refuse them, as far as its legal Powers extends. But I am so far from thinking, as you suggest, that the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania having been first extended and exercised in that Country, is a Reason that should induce the Government of Virginia to suspend its Jurisdiction there; that, in my Opinion, the latter is entitled to some Apology from the former, for attempting a Measure without the participation that ought to have the Sanction of both, as his Majesty had not given his to it.

"I mention not these Circumstances for the Purpose of engaging in a dispute with the Proprietors of Pennsylvania, or of throwing Obstacles in the way of an Accomodation, which I am sensible it is the Interest of both Colonies, and the Duty of the Governors of them, to facilitate; but with the Design of making it appear that I have not, upon very slight Grounds, rejected Proposals for settling the Disputes and Differences subsisting between the two Colonies, and which require no less than that every Thing which is contended for (depending on such a variety of Contingencies) on the Part of Pennsylvania, should be given up on the Part of Virginia immediately.

"I cannot but think that you entertain an erroneous Opinion of the Boundaries of your Province, as described in the Royal Grants, but even if not, that your Proposals are unreasonable, and that the sincerity of your desire to settle all Disputes between Pennsylvania and Virginia would appear less doubtful if you had observed, in your Proposals, an equitable regard to the pretensions of this Government, especially as nothing thereby can prejudice the legal Title of your Government; therefore, unless you are authorized to agree to a Plan that favours as much the Sentiments of this as of your own Government, I see no accomodation that can be entered into previous to His Majesty's Decision, which I shall not fail to join my Application for the obtaining as soon as possible.

"I am, Gentlemen,

"Your most Obedient humble Servant,

"DUNMORE.

"JAMES TILGHMAN and ANDREW ALLEN, Esquires."

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(No. 3).

Letter from James Tilghman and Andrew Allen, Esquires, to Lord Dunmore.

"My Lord:

"We are honored with your Lordship's Answer of Yesterday, to our Proposals of a Boundary Line or Lines, to ascertain, for the present, the Jurisdiction between the Colonies of Virginia and Pennsylvania, to which your Lordship will be pleased to indulge us in a Reply, which we are induced to make from a Persuasion that, if we can be so happy as to support the Principles upon which we founded our Proposals, or to point out just Objections to your Lordship's reasoning, We may still come to such an Understanding as may answer the good Purposes for which we waited on your Lordship.

"We thought the Western Boundary of Pennsylvania, when clearly understood, ought to be one of the Lines of Jurisdiction. Your Lordship is in the same Sentiment, by offering to make what you conceive to be our Western Bounds the Line of Jurisdiction; but you are pleased to differ with us in the construction of the Grant If we have a just Apprehension of your Lordship's meaning, you suppose that a Meridian Line, drawn from the end of five Degrees of Longitude from Delaware, at the Beginning of the forty-third Degree of Latitude, ought to determine the Western Boundary of Pennsylvania; We are at a Loss to conceive from what Expression of the Charter your Lordship can collect that the Western Boundary of Pennsylvania should be a Meridian Line, or why that Meridian should be drawn rather from the North than the South Boundary of the Province. The Charter expresses that the Province shall extend five Degrees of Longitude from its Eastern Boundary; The Eastern Boundary is the Delaware in general, but if the Western Bounds are to be determined by a Meridian Line, the Province will extend in some parts more, and in others less than five degrees of Longitude, from its Eastern Boundary; This we conceive to be against the Terms of the Grant, which we are of Opinion cannot be satisfied by any other than a Line or Lines corresponding with the Courses of the Delaware, and this is the only construction we have ever heard made of that Part of the Charter.

"Your Lordship, after expressing a Doubt whether that Part of the Country now in dispute was within the King of England's Dominions at the Time of making the Pennsylvania Grant, is pleased to contend 'that tho' it were possible for you to admit our Construction of the Royal Grant, and the Country we contend for should be within the Limits of Pennsylvania, according to such Construction, yet Fort Pitt and the Country thereabouts, for want of the Proprietors of Pennsylvania supporting their Claim and as-

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certaining their Boundaries in due Time, was suffered to be claimed and possessed by an Enemy, from whom it was conquered by His Majesty's Arms, and by whom it was confirmed to His Majesty in a Treaty, and consequently, that no Legal Title can be set up to any of that Territory, but under a Grant of the Crown subsequent to such Possession, Conquest, &c."

"Not to enter into a discussion of the Facts of claim, and Possession by an Enemy, and Conquest by His Majesty's Arms, and the Enemy's Confirmation, or the effect of them upon the Rights of His Majesty's Subjects, which we think needless, we shall only observe that your Lordship's Argument militates equally against Virginia as against Pennsylvania, since there hath been no new Grant that we know of subsequent to such Possession, Conquest, &c., and that, therefore, in our opinion, your Lordship ought not, upon your own principles, to have extended the Jurisdiction of Virginia to Fort Pitt and the Country thereabouts. Your Lordship seems to allow that there was a prior exercise of Jurisdiction on the side of Pennsylvania, and you urge that as a Reason for your Interposition, and are pleased to think that Virginia is entitled to an Apology from the Government of Pennsylvania for thus exercising a Jurisdiction without the Sanction of the Crown's participation. Were it undeniably true that the Government of Pennsylvania had knowingly extended their Jurisdiction beyond the Limits of the Charter, we should be far from vindicating such a Conduct; and we are certain that if any of our Officers have acted officially beyond the known Limits of the Province, they will be censured rather than supported by the Government; But assured, as we are, that Fort Pitt must be within our Charter Limits, we cannot be induced to think that our Government were improper in exercising their Jurisdiction there, and we are inclined to be of Opinion that if your Lordship, when an Application was first made to you to take that place under the Government of Virginia, had thought fit to have given the least Intimation of your Design to the Governor of Pennsylvania, much of the disagreeable consequence which has followed would probably have been prevented.

"We are really concerned to find that our Conceptions of the Extent of Pennsylvania are so very different, but we are not without hope that your Lordship will, upon re-considering the Subject, be of Opinion that your Construction is liable to the Objections we have made. And although we are satisfied that we shall be supported in ours, yet we are not so tenacious of our first Proposals as to adhere strictly to them, while we have any Hopes that a reasonable Departure from them will produce so desirable an Effect as the Settlement of Harmony and Peace between the two Colonies. And for that valuable Purpose, we shall be willing to recede so far from our Charter Bounds as to make the River Monongahela, from the Line of Dixon and Mason downward, the Western Boundary of Ju-

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risdiction, which would at once settle our present Disputes, without the great Trouble and Expence of running Lines, or the Inconvenience of keeping the Jurisdiction in Suspence. This, We assure your Lordship, is the farthest we can go in Point of Concession, and if your Lordship is determined to adhere to your Proposal of a Meridian Line, or indeed, to insist upon retaining the Jurisdiction of Fort Pitt, or the Lands to the Eastward of the Monongahela, we can treat no farther. But we cannot quit the Subject without expressing our Concern that your Lordship should entertain a Doubt of the sincerity of our Desire to settle all Disputes between Virginia and Pennsylvania, as we are not conscious of having done any Thing that could give your Lordship so unfavorable an Impression. And we beg leave to assure your Lordship that nothing less than a most sincere Wish and Desire to restore Peace and Harmony, and to settle our Disputes, with a due Regard to the just Pretensions of both Colonies, could have actuated our Government to send us hither, or could have induced us to undertake a Journey of such length and so very inconvenient to us. We think the Proposals we have made contain the most reasonable Concessions, and it will give us real Concern should your Lordship's Ideas be so different from ours that the desired Accommodation cannot be effected. We thank your Lordship for your ready Consent to join our Proprietors in an Application to the Crown to settle our Bounds, and have the Honor to be, with Great Regard,

"Your Lordship's most Obedient,

"And most humble Servants,

"JAMES TILGHMAN,
"ANDREW ALLEN.

"His Excellency LORD DUNMORE.
"Williamsburg, May 25th, 1774."

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(No. 4.)

Letter from Lord Dunmore to James Tilghman and Andrew Allen, Esquires.

"WILLIAMSBURG, 26th May, 1774.

"Gentlemen:

"I perceive you have fallen into the Error, that from my having alledged the Reasons which induced me to think your first Proposal improper for me to comply with, I would enter into a discussion at length, of all the Points of the Claim of the Proprietors of Pennsylvania, which I must assure you was in nowise my Design, nor can I by any Means consent to.

"I must, nevertheless, repeat here that I think, from the Words of your Grant, that a Meridian Line (which is sufficiently described

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in my Answer to your first Proposal,) the Line that should determine your Western Boundary, and the Reason very plain, that this Meridian should be drawn rather from the North than the South, because the Grant directs that the Survey shall begin at a Point on the South part of the Boundary, and proceed Northward as far as three and forty Degrees of Latitude, and it being usual in like Cases, always to proceed, consequently from thence extend five Degrees of Longitude, and not return to the South Point to draw it from thence, which cannot any way be inferred, no more than it can be supposed that it was inconsiderately intended the Grant should extend five Degrees of Longitude from every Part of the River Delaware, which would make a Line so difficult, if not impossible, to trace upon the Land.

"That you should think the Circumstances, which I cannot but be of Opinion must render the Parchment Boundary of Pennsylvania, whatever it were, insufficient now to determine the Limits of the Province, needless to be considered, is a Point which must be perfectly indifferent to Me, for the Reason I have given in the first part of this Letter; but your Idea is a mistaken one, that leads you to conclude that the same Circumstances mitigate equally against Virginia as against Pennsylvania, there being no less important a Difference than that the one acts for the King, the other against him. The Jurisdiction of Virginia cannot be exercised over any Country but for the immediate Benefit, as well as Interest of His Majesty, to whom that Jurisdiction secures the Quit Rents, and every Advantage which His Majesty had proposed to draw from the granting of his unappropriated Lands, but which I presume, is not meant to be urged in vindication of the Encroachments of Pennsylvania. But in the present Instance, however, Virginia has interfered only, as you knew before, in compliance with the Request and formal Petition of a numerous Body of Inhabitants, who, thinking themselves, from the general Opinion, settled within the limits of this Government, apply to the Authority thereof to be protected against the usurped Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, which Virginia did not think itself at Liberty to refuse, but which it granted, nevertheless, without the least Design of refusing Obedience to whatever Decision His Majesty may be pleased to make thereupon; the Tenour of which Attempt, Proceeding, and Determination, make another assential Consideration, and which renders, I am inclined to believe, the Case of Virginia in this Dispute impossible to be assimilated, as you would endeavour, to that of Pennsylvania. Your Interpretation of my first Letter, to infer I have allowed there was a prior exercise of Jurisdiction on the Side of Pennsylvania, obliges me to recall to your View the Transactions in Governor Dinwiddie's Time, and to inform you, if you are ignorant of it, of a requisition from General Gage to this Colony as that to which, by the Public Opinion, the Territory belonged, to appoint a Magistrate at Fort Pitt, where there then was none, and which Magistrate was

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accordingly appointed, which, while it proves the prior exercise of Jurisdiction to have been, not on the side of Pennsylvania but on that of Virginia, as these were Acts of Public Notoriety, and undertaken under the Authority of public exigence. They prove also more the Impropriety of Pennsylvania's having exercised their Jurisdiction at all in that District without other Authority than their own Opinion and Motive, than their private Advantage, and the Title still stronger of this Government to an Apology for it.

"You proceed to intimate that you are certain if any of your Officers have acted Officially beyond the known Limits of the Province, they will be censured rather than supported, I really think I shall be justified in questioning this Assertion, for although much Pains, as is pretended, have been taken to ascertain your Boundary, It would seem very strange, I think impossible, that even this very Boundary is immediately unknowingly exceeded, I am warranted to say, by near a hundred miles, and yet I have not heard of the Dispensation even of that Gentle Punishment you mention, though we know of one of your Officers being supported and justified in Terms not very decent, in a violent Act that has been the Cause of whatever Disturbances or Disputes subsist between the two Colonies. Nor can I think that, if I had upon Application first made to me to take the Country in dispute under the Government of Virginia, intimated my Design to the Governor of Pennsylvania, (which I rather believe you mention by way of recrimination,) it would have had the Effect you say, for there is surely as great a necessity for preventing all disagreeable Consequences now as there was then, and the pretensions of both Parties were, I suppose, the same then as now; and what are your Proposals to reconcile them? Why in your first propose, that every Thing in dispute shall be given up to Pennsylvania, and in your second, that Virginia shall be content without having any Thing given up to it; at least I can find nothing given up by your proposal of the Monongahela, &c^a; what else therefore, can I conclude from both the Proposals, but that no real Intention is meant to avoid the great and reciprocal Inconveniences of a doubtful Boundary, which otherwise would, I conceive, as it was not intended to be final, have been in a Manner that could justify this Government in general with the People for any Departure from the conceived Opinion of the Limits of the Colony, and myself in particular, with His Majesty, for entering into any agreement that may eventually affect his right.

"I join with you in Concern that we should differ so widely in Conception of the Extent of Pennsylvania, as it affects Virginia, but must confess that your Objections have not altered my Opinion of the Construction of your Grant, notwithstanding you are so confedent of being supported in yours. However, I am less anxious about the issue of these different opinions than I am about the Effects of them in the meantime. Your Proposals amounting in

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reality to nothing, could not possibly be complied with, and your Resolution with respect to Fort Pitt, (the Jurisdiction over which Place I must tell you at all Events, will not be relinquished by this Government without his Majesty's Order,) puts an entire Stop to further Treaty, and makes me sincerely lament that you have put it out of my Power to contribute to re-establish the Peace and Harmony of both Colonies, and to evince my good Intentions as well towards the one as the other.

"I am, Gentlemen,
"Your most Obedient,
"humble Servant,
"DUNMORE.

"JAMES TILGHMAN and ANDREW ALLEN, Esquires."

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(No. 5).

Letter from James Tilghman and Andrew Allen, Esquires, to Lord Dunmore.

"My Lord:

"Since your Lordship is determined, as you are pleased to say, at all Events not to relinquish your Jurisdiction over Fort Pitt, a Period is put to our Treaty, and we can only, with your Lordship's, lament the continuance of those reciprocal Inconveniences of clashing and disputed Jurisdictions, which we are conscious of having done every thing which could be reasonably expected of us to prevent, and We have only to add our Thanks for the polite Attention your Lordship has been pleased to shew us, and the Dispatch you have given to our Business. We intend to leave Town to-Morrow, but before our Departure, we shall do ourselves the Honor to wait on your Lordship for your Commands to the Northward, where we shall be ready to render your Lordship any Service in our Power.

"We have the Honor to be with great Regard,
"Your Lordship's Most Obedient
"and most humble Servants.
"JAMES TILGHMAN.
"ANDREW ALLEN.

"WILLIAMSBURG, May 27th, 1774.
"His Excellency The Earl of Dunmore."

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Tuesday, 28th June, 1774.

MEMORANDUM.

The Committee appointed to draw up the Letters agreed on Yesterday, laid their Draughts before the Governor, which being ap-

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proved by him, were fairly transcribed, and ordered to be dispatched without Delay.

The said Letters follow in these Words, Viz^t:

Letter from the Governor to Sir William Johnson.

"PHILADELPHIA, 28th June, 1774.

"Sir:

"By the repeated Accounts which I am daily receiving from Pittsburg, and other Parts of our Western Frontier, there seems little room to doubt but the mutual Hostilities which have unhappily taken Place between some of the Inhabitants of Virginia and the Western Indians, particularly the Shawanese, will end in a general War, unless some prudent Measures are speedily taken to prevent it.

"The occasion of this unfortunate Breach, as well as the particulars of the Murders which have been committed on both sides, have no doubt been communicated to you, by the Deputy Agent for Indian Affairs at Pittsburg. It will therefore be only necessary for me to inform you in general, that a great Part of the Settlers in our back Country have fled from their Habitations, and that the Panic is daily increasing, to such a Degree that there is just Reason to apprehend a total Desertion of that Country.

"I have been induced from a Representation of the Distresses of these People, to Issue Writs to call our Assembly to meet at Philadelphia on the 18th of next Month, to enable me to afford them the necessary Relief.

"As it is of the utmost Consequence that this Affair should be properly represented to the Six Nations, and that they should, if possible, be induced to become Mediators between us and the Shawanese and Delawares, I must request you will take such Measures as you shall think most proper to satisfy them that any Injuries which the Shawanese may have received and may consider as a Provocation for the Hostilities committed on their Part, were by no Means done by the Orders or Consent of this Government, but that on the contrary, we have been ever sincerely disposed to preserve Peace and Friendship with them, and are now very willing, notwithstanding what has happened, to listen to Terms of Accommodation, and to renew our Friendship and forget every Thing that is past. Your interposition and influence in this Matter may very possibly have the most salutary Effects. If a Rupture can be prevented, it appears to me it must be through the Six Nations; however, I submit the Matter entirely to your Consideration, and am Sir, with great Regard,

"Your most obedient humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet."

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A Letter from the Governor to Lord Dunmore.

"PHILADELPHIA, 28th June, 1774.

"My Lord,

"I am very unhappy to find myself under the necessity of writing to your Lordship on so disagreeable a Subject as an Indian War, which is now like to become general, unless the Governments of Virginia and Pennsylvania, by some prudent and timely Interposition, may happily prevent the further progress of Hostilities which have unhappily taken Place. I have taken the best Measures in my Power to keep the Settlements, from breaking up, and have called the Assembly upon the Occasion, in order that every proper Step may be taken, either to compose the Differences between His Majesty's Subjects and the Indians, or to defend the Frontiers if pacific Measures should fail.

"I have so many Complaints of the Behaviour of Doctor Conelly, that I am obliged to wish your Lordship to make some enquiry into his Conduct, which, if my Information be true, is extreamely oppressive and tyrannical with respect to our People, and what is still worse, there is a great Reason to fear his Military Operations may have a dangerous tendency to involve the Colonies in general in an Indian War. He seizes upon the Property of the People without reserve, and treats the Persons of our Magistrates with the utmost Insolence and disrespect, and with Menaces not only of imprisoning them, but even of pulling down their Houses, and it is said he has sent out, or is to send out Parties against the Indians, with orders to destroy all they meet with, whether Friend or Foe. These Matters may be exaggerated, but I cannot doubt but that Mr. Conolly has afforded some Ground for these Complaints, and altho' your Lordship hath been pleased to claim the Jurisdiction of Pittsburg and the country thereabouts, I would fain hope that you would not encourage Mr. Conolly in such exhorbitances and Outrages as are laid to his Charge.

"I have the Honor to be,
"your Lordship's most Obedient,
"humble Servant.
"JOHN PENN.

"To the Right Honorable The Earl of Dunmore, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Province of Virginia, Williamsburg.

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A Letter from the Governor to Arthur St. Clair, Esquire.

"PHILADELPHIA, 28th June, 1774.

"Sir:

"The Accounts which you have transmitted of the Temper of the Indians, and the Murders they have already perpetrated, are truly alarming, and give every Reason to apprehend that we shall not long be exempt from the Calamities of a Savage War. The Desertion of that Country, in consequence of the Panic which has seized the Inhabitants on this Occasion, must be attended with the most mischievous Effects, and prove ruinous to the immediate sufferers, and distressing to the Province in general. Every Measure therefore, should be attempted to stop the Progress of this Evil, and to induce those who have already gone off, to return to their Habitations, and I must rely on you to exert all your Prudence and Activity for this Purpose. The Steps which have been already taken appear to me very proper, and I have no doubt but that you will continue your Endeavors to restore the drooping Spirits of the People, and inspire them with a Resolution to stand their Ground, at least 'till they are satisfied of the Intentions of the Indians towards this Province. You may assure them that Government sensibly feels the Distresses of their Situation, that it will be attentive to their Interests, and afford them every Assistance and Protection in its Power to give. With this Disposition, I have issued Writs for convening the Assembly on the 18th of next month, and shall immediately on their Meeting lay this Matter before them, and have Reason to expect that such Measures will be adopted as may effectually enable the Government to extend to them a Relief adequate to its wishes and their wants. In the mean Time, I shall give orders for such further supply of ammunition to be sent up as will be sufficient for the present Occasion.

"I have wrote to Sir William Johnson, informing him of the Intelligence we had received of these Transactions, and requesting his Interposition with the six Nations, to use their Influence with the Shawanese and Delawares, to prevent further Hostilities on their Part, and to assure them of the sincere Intentions of this Government to continue their pacific Disposition towards all our Indian Brethren. I have also wrote to Lord Dunmore, complaining of Conolly's outragious and tyrannical behaviour at Pittsburg, and representing the dangerous tendency his Military operations may have to involve the Colonies in a general Indian War.

"I am, Sir, your most Obedient humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To ARTHUR ST. CLAIR, Esquire,
"at Ligonier, in Westmoreland County.

"P. S. My Commissioners who attended Lord Dunmore, could not induce him to come into any reasonable temporary Line of Ju-

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risdiction, and therefore Things must remain in the disagreeable Situation of Interfering Jurisdictions. In this unhappy Situation, I am satisfied you and the other Magistrates will act a prudent Part. It is impossible in such a Case to give particular Directions. With respect to the keeping up the Rangers you have raised for the Security of the Inhabitants, I shall recommend it to the Assembly to defray the Expence that shall accrue in that necessary Measure; and I cannot have the least doubt that they will approve of what has been done on this Occasion, as also the continuance of the same Forces, until their Sentiments can be known."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday, 14th July, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, }

The Governor laid before the Board several late Letters from Arthur St. Clair, Esquire, at Ligonier, containing very favourable Accounts of the Disposition and Temper of the Indians, as also an Extract of Mr. Alexander M^c^kee, the Deputy Indian Agent's Journal, of all the Transactions with the Indians at Pittsburg, since the first of May last.

The Governor then acquainted the Board that the Assembly being to meet by Summons, on Monday next, on Occasion of the late Indian Disturbances, he thought it would be necessary that a Message on that Subject should be prepared, to be sent them immediately on their Meeting; Whereupon Mr. Chew, Mr. Tilghman, and Mr. Shippen, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Draught of the same.

Monday, 18th July, 1774.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Verbal Message, acquainting him that the House were met pursuant to His Honour's Summons, and desired a Copy of the Writ by which they were convened. The Governor thereupon immediately sent to the House by the Secretary, one of the Writs he had issued for summoning them, and also the following Message, which had been prepared by the Committee of Council appointed to draw the same, together with the several Letters and other Papers of Intelligence he had received relative to the State of Affairs with the Indians, Viz^t^:

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A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"The Importance of the Matter I have to lay before you will, I am persuaded, make it unnecessary to apologize to you for calling you together at a Season of the Year of all others the most inconvenient for you to attend the Public Business.

"I am to inform you that in the latter end of April last, about eleven Delaware and Shawanese Indians were barbarously murdered on the River Ohio, about ninety Miles below Pittsburg, by two Parties of White Men, said to be Virginians. As we were at that Time in a State of perfect Amity with the Western Indians, and it does not appear that those who were killed by the above Parties had given them the least Provocation, I am at a loss to conjecture what could be the Inducement to acts so cruel and inhuman.

"As soon as this unfortunate Affair was known on the Frontiers of this Province, Messages were dispatched to assure the Indians that these outrages had been committed by wicked People without the Knowledge or Countenance of any of the English Governments, and requesting they might not be the means of disturbing the Friendship which subsisted between us. This Step had so far a good Effect as to quiet them for the present, and prevent their coming to a Resolution to enter into a general War with us. It did not however, restrain the particular Friends and Relations of the Deceased, who, it seems, contrary to the advice of their Chiefs, in a short Time afterwards took their Revenge by murdering a number of Virginians, settled to the Westward of the River Monongahela. Alarmed at this proceeding, the out Settlers left their Habitations and fled with their Families into the interior Parts, and the Panic soon became so universal that a great Part of the Western Frontier of this Province was totally deserted, and it is impossible to say when the Mischief would have stopped, had not a number of Rangers been raised by the Magistrates and others in the County of Westmoreland, who were stationed in proper Places, to protect the Inhabitants, and act defensively in case of an Attack. This Measure I esteemed a very salutary one, supplied the men with Arms and Ammunition, and ordered them to be kept up 'till the Meeting of the Assembly, under a full persuasion that you would chearfully defray the necessary Expence attending it.

"It would be too tedious to relate the several occurrences which have happened from Time to Time since the first Act of Hostility committed, but I refer you for more particular Information thereon to the Letters and Papers I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you. You will thereby perceive that the Delawares and Shawanese repeatedly made the strongest Professions of a pacific Disposition, and their Desire that Matters should be accommodated; and, as an Earnest of their Sincerity, they not only protected the Persons and Goods of our Traders among them from the Violence of some of

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their young Warriors, but actually escorted many of them back to their Friends near Pittsburg, at the Risque of their own Lives. Hence we had great Reason to believe that, by a just and discreet Conduct a Rupture with them might have been avoided, but I am sorry to inform you that I have received Intelligence that the very Indians who thus generously escorted our Traders home were, Contrary to all Faith, pursued on their Return, attacked, and one of them wounded by a Party of Virginians sent out for the purpose by one Conolly, a Militia Captain, appointed by the Government of Virginia, at Pittsburg, who has lately taken Possession of that Place under pretence of its being out of the Province of Pennsylvania and within the Colony of Virginia. By this unhappy Step, there is great Reason to apprehend it will be difficult to persuade the Indians further to confide in any Overtures that can be made, or Assurances given them, and that we shall be involved in the Calamities of an Indian War. Nothing in my Power has been neglected, which I thought might have a Tendency to avert so great an Evil. I have wrote to Sir William Johnson, requesting he would Interest himself on the Occasion, and use his Influence with the Six Nations to assist in healing the Breach with their Western Brethren; and have dispatched a Letter to Lord Dunmore, representing the misconduct of Conolly, and the Dangerous Consequences of his unjust and Violent Proceedings. In this dark and uncertain State of things, what will be the Event Time only can discover, but I think it my Duty most earnestly to recommend it to you to make Timely and effectual Provision for the Security of our Frontier Settlements, that in Case of a War with the Savages, they may have that immediate Protection and Assistance which they look for, and have a Right to expect from the Government under which they live, and that you will also provide for the discharging such Expences as have hitherto arisen by my Orders for their Defence, in which I will readily concur with you.

"Could you devise any other probable Method by which this unhappy Difference with the Indians can be accomodated, it would give me infinite Satisfaction, and nothing could afford me more Pleasure than the being instrumental in accomplishing so desirable an End.

"JOHN PENN.

"July 18th, 1774."

A Committee of Assembly presented to the Governor for his Concurrence two Bills, entituled "An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to amend the Act entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not Merchantable;'" And

"An Act for lending the sum of eight hundred Pounds to the several and respective Counties of Bedford, Northumberland, and Westmoreland, for building a Court House and Prison in each of the said Counties."

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Saturday 23d July, 1774, A. M.

The Governor having considered and approved the two Bills sent up Yesterday by the Assembly, sent them to the House by the Secretary with his Assent.

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Eodem die, at Noon.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and delivered him a written Message in answer to His Honor's Message of the 18th Instant, with a Copy of the Resolutions of the House, and at the same Time, acquainted the Governor that the House proposed to adjourn to the 19th of September next, if he had no Objection to that Time, and also requested to know when he would be pleased to pass the Bills which he had agreed to. To which The Governor replied that he had no Objection to their proposed Adjournment, and would go immediately to the Council Chamber in order to pass the Bills.

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Council Chamber, P. M.

The Governor having acquainted the Assembly, by the Secretary, that he was in the Council Chamber, and ready to receive the House, in order to pass the two Bills which had received his Assent; the whole House waited on him, and the Speaker presented to him the two Bills entituled

"An Act for lending the Sum of eight hundred Pounds to the several and respective Counties of Bedford, Northumberland, and Westmoreland, for building a Court House and Prison in each of the said Counties."

"An Act to continue an Act entituled 'An act to amend the Act entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not Merchantable," which His Honor enacted into Laws, and appointed the Secretary to accompany two members of Assembly to see the Great Seal affixed to them, and to deposite them in the Rolls Office.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday, July 28th, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, Andrew Allen, } Esquires.
James Tilghman,

The Secretary having, by direction of the Governor, prepared a Draft of a Proclamation offering a Reward, pursuant to the Re-

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quest of the Assembly, for apprehending the Persons said to have Murdered Joseph Wipey, a Delaware Indian, laid the same before the Board, which was approved and ordered to be published, and printed Copies thereof sent to Westmoreland. The Proclamation follows in these Words, Viz^t^:

"*By the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, I have received information that some Time in May last, a certain friendly Indian Man, called Joseph Wipey, was barbarously murdered in the County of Westmoreland; *And Whereas*, there is great Reason to believe that John Hinkson, and James Cooper, of the same County, were concerned in the perpetration of the said Murder; *And Whereas*, it is at all Times, but more especially in the present Situation of our Affairs with the Western Indian Nations, of the utmost Consequence to the Peace of the Province, that the Perpetrators of such atrocious Offences, not only against the Authority of Government, but in direct Violation of the Treaties with those Indians, should be brought to condign and exemplary Punishment; I have, therefore, thought fit, with the advice of the Council, to issue this Proclamation, And do hereby strictly charge and Command all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables, and other Officers, as well as all other His Majesty's liege Subjects within this Province, to make diligent Search and Enquiry after the said John Hinkson and James Cooper, and to use all lawful Means for apprehending and securing them, that they may be proceeded against according to Law. And I do hereby promise and engage, that the Public Reward of one hundred Pounds shall be paid to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend the said John Hinkson and James Cooper, and deliver them into the Custody of the Keeper of the Gaol of either of the Counties of Lancaster, York, or Cumberland, or the Sum of fifty Pounds for either of them.

"*Given* under my Hand and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the twenty-eighth day of July, in the fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four.

"JOHN PENN.

"By His Honour's Command.
"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junr Secretary.
"GOD SAVE THE KING."

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The Governor laid before the Board a Letter he received from Colonel Guy Johnson, dated 22d July, 1774, which follows in these words, Viz^t.:

"GUY PARK, 22d July, 1774.

"Sir:

"Your Dispatch of the 28th Ult^o. to Sir Wm. Johnson, arrived when that worthy man was, thro' the Fatigues occasioned by the late general Congress, (which is just ended,) very much indisposed; he nevertheless continued all that day to do Business with them, but in the Evening was seized with a Relapse, which carried him off in a Fit that night. As it was a very critical Period, and that he had strongly recommended me for his Successor to His Majesty's Ministers, I continued to conduct the Business of the Congress, at the earnest entreaty of the Indians, and brought it, I think, to a happy termination; and I have now received His Excellency General Gage's Appointment to the Superintendancy, 'till His Majesty's final Pleasure is known; I enlarged during the Conference on the unhappy Situation of your Frontiers, and represented it as the Duty of the Six Nations to bring those they call their Dependants to Reason; they have accordingly agreed to send Deputies from each Nation to the Southward, who will set out to-morrow, but they complain very much of the ill treatment they receive from the frontier People of Virginia, &c^a. and of their Encroachments, and demand Redress. The Hurry in which the late sudden Accident has engaged me, and the number of Dispatches I must now necessarily make up for the Post, who is waiting, will not permit me to be more particular at present, but you may be assured, Sir, that whilst I have anything to do in these Affairs, I shall use my utmost Endeavours for the Peace and Happiness of your Province, and from true personal Regard, shall always be glad to serve or oblige you,

"as I am with real Esteem, Sir, your most Obedient,

"and Most humble Servant,

"G. JOHNSON.

"I have taken the Liberty to inclose a Letter to Mr. McKee, on occasion of the present Troubles; as I understand there is no Post to Fort Pitt, and that it might meet with great delay, I shall be glad to have any further Information respecting your Frontiers."

The Council then advised the Governor to write an answer to the above Letter by the next Post, and also to write Lord Dartmouth by the first Packet, informing him of the public Occurrences here since he wrote him last, and transmit him Copies of the Governor's Message to the Assembly, their Answer, Resolves, and the Resolves of the Committee of all the Counties lately met in this City, and also the Instructions drawn up by them to the Assembly respecting the Conduct of the Delegates to be named by the House to

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attend the General Congress of Delegates from all the Colonies, proposed to be held at this city in September next.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 4th August, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, James Tilghman, Andrew Allen, } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board two Letters, which he received within these three days from Captain St. Clair, at Ligonier, dated the 22d and 26th July, with sundry Papers inclosed relative to Indian and other Affairs in Westmoreland, and the same being read and considered, the Council advised the Governor to order a Town to be immediately laid out in the Proprietary Manor at Kittanning, for the accommodation of the Traders and other Inhabitants of Pittsburg, whom, by Captain St. Clair's advices, would be under the necessity of removing from that Town on Account of the oppressive Proceedings of the Virginians.

It appearing, also by the Intelligence contained in the above mentioned Letters, that though the Disposition of the Shawanese and Delaware Tribes of Indians, towards the People of this Province, were entirely pacific, the former Tribe had separated themselves from the latter, and were removed to the lower Shawanese Towns on the Sciota, in order to prepare themselves for War against the People of Virginia, who seemed determined to pursue Hostile Measures with those Indians, It was the Opinion of the Council that it would be proper for this Government immediately to dispatch Messages to both those Tribes, expressing our great Concern at the late Disturbances, and the friendly Dispositions of this Government towards them, and earnestly advising the Shawanese to a reconciliation with the Virginians; and that a Letter be also wrote to the Earl of Dunmore, recommending it to him to accommodate the unhappy Differences between the Colony of Virginia and the Indians. Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Allen were appointed a Committee to prepare Draughts of the above Letter and Messages.

MEMORANDUM, 6th August, 1774.

The Governor this day dispatched by the Express from Ligonier, a Letter to Captain St. Clair, and inclosed therein two separate Messages to the Shawanese and Delawares on the Ohio, which had been

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prepared by the Committee of Council appointed to draw them, which Messages follow in these Words, vizt:

Letter from the Governor to Captain St. Clair.

"PHILADELPHIA, 6th August, 1774.

"Sir:

"I have received your Letters of the 22d and 26th Ult^o. inclosing several Depositions and Letters relative to the present Situation of Affairs in Westmoreland.

"As I find by all the Intelligence you have from Time to Time communicated to me, that the Shawanese, as well as Delawares, have discovered a strong Aversion to entering into a War, either with Virginia or this Province, and, on the Contrary, have given repeated Proofs of their sincere Disposition to live in Peace and Harmony with both Colonies, I have with the Advice of my Council, thought it expedient to send Messages to those Tribes, expressing the great Concern of this Government at the late unfortunate Disturbances between them and some of His Majesty's Subjects belonging to the Colony of Virginia, at the same time declaring our Resolution to preserve the Treaties of Peace and Friendship subsisting between us inviolate, and earnestly advising the Shawanese not to strike the People of Virginia, as they, as well as the People of this Province, are all Subjects of one and the same Great King, who will be as much offended at any Injury committed against any one Part of his Subjects as another, but to exert their best Endeavours to settle the Differences that have arisen between the Virginians and them, and to continue to live in Friendship with all his Majesty's Subjects.

"As to the Proposal of engaging the Service of the Delawares to protect our Frontiers, I would only just observe that it is a Matter, in the present Situation of Indian Affairs, too delicate for me to intermeddle in.

"Since my last Letter to you, I have considered of what you mentioned in a former Letter, and now repeat, respecting the Establishment of some Place of Security for carrying on the Indian Trade, as you say that Pittsburg will certainly be abandoned by all our People; and I am now to acquaint you that I approve of the Measure of laying out a Town in the Proprietary Manor at Kittanning, to accomodate the Traders and the other Inhabitants who may chuse to reside there; and, therefore, inclose you an Order for that purpose. But I cannot, without the Concurrence of the Assembly, give any Directions for erecting a Stockade or any other Work for the Security of the Place, which may incur an Expence to the Province.

"With respect to the Continuance of the 200 Rangers in the Service, it must altogether depend upon the Intelligence we receive of the Situation of our Affairs with the Indians. At present I think

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it very improper to discharge them; and it is not improbable that if the Commotions between the Virginians and Indians should not soon be at an End, it may be necessary to keep them on foot for the Protection of our People 'till the Meeting of the Assembly on the 19th of September.

"I herewith send to your Care the Messages above mentioned, with a Belt of Wampum accompanying each, and desire you will engage some trusty, intelligent Person to carry them, and interpret the Messages to the Indians. A young man of the name of *Elliot*, who has been trading at the Shawanese Towns, and lately came from thence, has offered his Service to carry any Messages from Government to the Indians, and may probably be a very proper Person to employ on this Occasion. He was to leave this Place Yesterday on his return to Westmoreland. I should be glad to have his Deposition taken as to what he knows respecting the late Disturbances between the Virginians and the Indians, from the beginning of them.

"You hint something in your last Letter about making Presents to the Indians, but, though such a Step at some future convenient Time might be very useful and proper, I am of Opinion it would be very unadvisable under the present Circumstances.

"I am, with great Regard, Sir,

"Your most Obedient humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To Arthur St. Clair, Esqr. at Ligonier."

"*By the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"*A Message to the Chiefs and Warriors of the Shawanese Indians.*

"Brethren:

"When I heard that you had taken Care of our Traders, and had sent some of your young Men to conduct them Home in Safety, it made my Heart glad, because I was satisfied that you kept fast hold of the Chain of Friendship which was made between our Fore Fathers, and renewed by us, and you may be assured that I shall always remember this Instance of your kindness, and that I shall hold fast that End of the Chain which is in my Hands, so long as you hold yours. But, Brethren, it gives me great Concern, and my Heart is grieved to hear of the Difference between you and our Brothers, the People of Virginia. If any of the wicked People of Virginia have murdered any of your People, you should complain of it to the Governor, and he will have them punished. You should not, in such Cases, take Revenge upon innocent People who have

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never hurt you. It is a very wicked Thing to kill innocent People, because some of their Countrymen have been wicked, and killed some of you.

"Brethren:

"If you continue to act in this Manner the People of Virginia must do the same Thing by you, and then there will be nothing but War between you. Consider, Brethren, that the People of Virginia are like the Leaves upon the Trees, very numerous, and you are but few, and although you should kill ten of their People for one that they kill of yours, they will at last wear you out, and destroy you. They are able to send a great Army into your Country and destroy your Towns, and your Corn, and either kill your Wives and Children, or drive them away. Besides, Brethren, the Virginians, as well as our People and you, are the Children of the Great King who lives beyond the Great Water; and if his Children fall out and go to War among themselves, and some of them are wicked, and will not make Peace with the others, he will be very angry, and punish those who are in fault. Therefore, Brethren, let me advise you to forget and forgive what is past, and to send to the Governor of Virginia, and offer to make Peace.

"I shall write to the Governor of Virginia, and endeavour to persuade him to join with you in mending the Chain of Friendship between you, which has been broken, and to make it so strong that it may never be broke again; and I hope Brethren, if he be willing to do this good Thing, that you will be of the same Mind, and then we shall all live together like Friends and Brothers.

A Belt.

"*Given* under my Hand and the Lesser Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the sixth day of August, in the Year of our Lord, 1774.

"JOHN PENN."

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"*By the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor, and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"*A Message to the Chiefs and Warriors of the Delaware Indians.*

"Brethren:

"I was grieved at my Heart when I heard that some of our foolish young Men had killed our Brother Joseph Wipey, and that the Virginians had killed some of your People below Fort Pitt. I was fearful that you would suffer your young Men to take Revenge upon our innocent People, But when I heard that you had a good Heart, and viewed these Things in their proper Light, and that you

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remembered the Chain of Friendship made by our fore fathers, and would not take revenge upon us, for what the Virginians or some of our foolish Young Men had done, it gave me the greatest Satisfaction, and made my Mind easy.

"Brethren:

"You may depend that so long as you are inclined to Peace and Friendship you shall find me in the same Mind, for why should we fall out and go to murdering one another for what our foolish young People do, and what neither of us approve of? In such Cases let us endeavour to find out such foolish young men and punish them for their Wickedness. I have offered a Reward of fifty Pounds a piece for those two wicked People who it is said murdered Joseph Wipey, and if they can be taken I shall do every thing in my Power to have them punished.

"I am very sorry to hear that your Grand Children, the Shawanese, have a Difference with our Brothers the Virginians, and I wish I could make them Friends. I shall write to the Governor of Virginia, and recommend it to him to endeavour to make Peace with them; and I would advise you to go to the Shawanese, and persuade them to forget every thing that is past, and make up all their Differences with the People of Virginia, so that we may all live together in Peace and Quietness like Friends and Brothers, for what can they get by being at War with one another; whoever of them gets the best, both will be very much Hurt.

"Brethren:

"I live a great way from You, and have a great deal of Business to do with my People at home, otherwise I would go to see you and shake Hands with you, and smoak a Pipe with you, under the Tree of Peace, as we and our fore-fathers used to do. By all Means Brethren, be Strong, and keep fast hold of one end of the Covenant Chain, and you may be assured I will keep fast hold of the other, and when any of our People are so wicked as to kill any of yours, or do you any Harm, let me know it, and I will do every Thing in my Power to have Justice done.

A Belt.

"*Given* under my Hand and the Lesser Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the sixth day of August, in the Year of our Lord, 1774.

"JOHN PENN."

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 15th September, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Richard Peters,	Edward Shippen, Junr	
Benjamin Chew,		

The Council having some time since represented to the Governor the absolute necessity of establishing, by an *ex-parte* Proclamation, the Lines of Jurisdiction between the Province of Maryland and the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, according to the Lines and Boundaries agreed upon, run and marked by the Commissioners appointed for that Purpose, by the Proprietaries of the said respective Provinces; and the Governor having, with the Consent and Concurrence of the Honorable Thomas Penn, Esquire, in England, approved of the said measure, a Draught of a Proclamation had been accordingly prepared, and is now laid before the Board, which being read and duly considered, was agreed to be issued, and ordered to be published in the several News Papers of this Province, and a Number of printed Copies thereof made and dispersed through the Province and the lower Counties on Delaware. The Proclamation follows in these Words, Viz^t:

"*By the Honourable John Penn, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, In Pursuance of certain Articles of Agreement made the tenth day of May, Anno Domini, 1732, between Charles Lord Baltimore, Proprietor of the Province of Maryland, and the Honorable the Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, and of the Decree of the Lord High Chancellor of England, bearing date the fifteenth day of March, Anno Domini, 1750, for the specific Performance and Execution of the said Articles; and also in pursuance of certain other Articles of agreement made the fourth day of July, Anno Domini, 1760, between the Right Honorable Frederick Lord Baltimore, Son and Heir of the said Charles Lord Baltimore, and the Honorable the Proprietaries of the said Province and Counties, and of one other Decree of the Lord High Chancellor of England, bearing date the sixth day of March, 1762, for the specific performance of the said last mentioned Articles; the several Lines mentioned and described in the said Articles, and thereby finally agreed upon

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and settled by the said Parties, to be and for ever remain the Boundaries and Division Lines between the said Provinces and Counties, have been run by Commissioners for that Purpose appointed and authorized by the said respective Proprietors, and marked out in exact conformity to the said Articles, with visible Stones, Pillars, and other Land marks, as by the said Articles and Decrees, and the Return of the said Commissioners, under their Hands and Seals, and an exact Plan or Map of the Lines, so as aforesaid by them run and marked, may at large appear: *And Whereas*, in the Year 1771 a joint Petition was preferred to His present most gracious Majesty, by the said Frederick Lord Baltimore and the Proprietaries of the said Province and Counties, reciting the above mentioned Articles and Decrees, and setting forth that their Commissioners were then proceeding in the Work; that they the said Proprietors were desirous, as much as in them lay, to quiet the Minds of all His Majesty's Subjects inhabiting in the lately disputed Parts of the said Provinces and three lower Counties, and to promote the Peace and Welfare those Parts; and in order to give a further Testimony of their firm Agreement, and that a final end and Period had been put to all their Contests and Litigations by the said Agreement of 1760, they, by their said Petition, most humbly prayed his Majesty that he would be most graciously pleased to give His Royal Allowance, Ratification and Confirmation of the several and respective Articles of Agreement, and enrolled Decrees above mentioned, and every Article, Clause, Matter, and Thing in them, and each of them contained, and that the same might be for ever established between them, Whereupon His Majesty, by his Order in Council, dated the eleventh day of January, 1769, was pleased to signify his Royal Approbation of the said Agreements and Proceedings mentioned in the Petition of the said Proprietaries; Whereof, as well the Proprietaries of the said Provinces, as all others whom it might concern, were ordered to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly, as by the said Petition and Royal Order may more at large appear. I have therefore thought fit, by the advice of the Council, to issue this my Proclamation, to publish and make known all and singular the Premises to all whom it may concern, hereby requiring all Persons dwelling and residing to the Northward and Eastward of the Lines and Boundaries so as aforesaid run and marked under the aforesaid Articles and Decrees, between the Province of Maryland and the Counties aforesaid, and to the Northward of the said Lines and Boundaries, as aforesaid, run and marked between the Provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania, as far to the westward as the Province of Maryland extends, to yield obedience to the Laws of the said Province and Counties, and govern themselves according thereto. And I do also require all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other Officers of Justice, appointed or to be appointed, in the said Province and Counties, to put in Execution the respec-

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tive Laws thereof against all Offenders within the Lines and Limits aforesaid, as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril.

"*Given* under my Hand, and the Great Seal of the said Province of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, the fifteenth day of September, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, and in the fourteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

"JOHN PENN.

"By his Honor's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junr. Secretary."

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

"N. B. The Land Office is not yet open for taking up Vacant Lands in the Lower Counties, or receiving Application for the same. Whenever it is thought proper to open the Office for that Purpose, public Notice thereof will be given."

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MEMORANDUM, 20th September, 1774.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and acquainted him that the House had met pursuant to adjournment, and desired to know if His Honor had any Business to lay before them; to which the Governor replied that he had nothing at present to recommend to their Consideration, but if any thing occurred during the present Session, he would communicate the same to the House by a Message.

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MEMORANDUM, 24th September, 1774.

The Governor this day sent the following Message to the House by the Secretary, Vizt:

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"As it does not appear to me that the Causes of the unhappy Indian Disturbances are yet at an End, but on the contrary, that the Governor of Virginia is still prosecuting an Expedition against the Shawanese, I cannot avoid recommending to your Consideration the Expediency of keeping the Troops employed by this Government, or at least a part of them, in pay, till our Affairs upon the Frontiers may happily have a more favorable Aspect.

"JOHN PENN.

"September 24th, 1774."

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MEMORANDUM, 27th September, 1774.

The Governor was this day pleased to issue a Special Commission, appointing James Ewing, William McClean, Thomas Latta, William McCaskey, and Josiah Scott, Esquires, Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the County of York.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 29th September, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Andrew Allen,

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and presented him a Bill entituled "An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and payment of the public Debt;" As also, as List of the Draughts and Certificates intended to be discharged by the said Bills, which were laid before the Board and read, and the Bill being approved, was ordered to be returned to the House by the Secretary with the Governor's Assent.

Eodem die, P. M.

The Secretary carried to the House the Bill above mentioned, and at the same time, acquainted them, by the Governor's Direction, that His Honor would be in the Council Chamber at a half past five o'Clock, in order to enact the same into a Law.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and delivered him the following Message from the House, in Answer to His Honor's Message of the 24th Instant, Viz^t:

A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

"May it please your Honor:

"The House taking into their Consideration your Message of yesterday, recommending the Expediency of keeping up the Troops employed by this Government, or a Part of them, have agreed to continue one hundred Men, Officers included, until the meeting of the next Assembly, and have recommended it over to that Assembly to make Provision for their Support and Maintainance.

"Signed by Order of the House.

"JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*

"September 29th, 1774."

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Eodem die, Council Chamber, ½ past 5 O'Clock, P. M.

The Governor being in the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, to acquaint them that he required their Attendance there, in order to enact into a Law the Bill to which he had given his Assent. The whole House immediately attended, and the Speaker presented to the Governor the following Bill, which His Honor enacted into a Law, and signed a Warrant by affixing the Great Seal thereto. The Law was afterwards sealed, and deposited in the Rolls Office, and is entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and payment of the Public Debts."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 5th October, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan, Benjamin Chew, James Tilghman, Andrew Allen, Edward Shippen, jun^r } Esquires.

The Returns of the Elections of Sheriffs and Coroners for the Counties of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks, Lancaster, Berks, Northampton, New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, being made to the Governor, were laid before the Board; but before they were taken into Consideration The Governor acquainted the Board that he had received a Complaint from the Custom House Officers of this Port against William Dewees, Esquire, Sheriff of this City and County, for refusing to give his Aid and Assistance to Richard Swanwick, Commander of His Majesty's Schooner King George, in making a Seizure of a considerable Quantity of foreign Sugars, which had lately been taken from on board the Schooner Felicity, Allan Moore Master, from the Island of Hispaniola, and deposited in the Stores of Jeremiah Warder, without having been first entered in His Majesty's Customs, or the Duties thereof paid before they were landed, notwithstanding the said Swanwick had produced to the Sheriff a Writ of Assistance from the Chief Justice commanding the said Sheriff to give his Aid and Assistance in the Premises.

At the same Time the Governor laid before the Board the Deposition of the said Richard Swanwick in support of the said Complaint.

The Sheriff was thereupon called in, and desired to make an Answer to the Charges alledged against him in the said Deposition. To which he replied that he was entirely innocent, and could produce to them sufficient Proofs of his Innocence, and therefore prayed that he might have Time 'till to-Morrow for that Purpose, which was allowed him.

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The Consideration of the Returns for the City and County of Philadelphia was therefore deferred, and the Board proceeded to consider the Returns for the other Counties above mentioned, and the following Persons were appointed and commissionated as Sheriffs and Coroners for their respective Counties, Viz^t^:

Names of Counties.	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriff's Sureties.
Chester,	Sheriff,	Nathaniel Vernon,	Robert Pennell &
	Coroner,	John Bryan,	Nicholas Fairlamb.
Bucks,	Sheriff,	Samuel Biles,	Gilbert Hicks &
	Coroner,	George Fell,	Henry Krewson.
Lancaster,	Sheriff,	John Ferree,	Isaac Ferree.
	Coroner,	Samuel Boyd,	Peter Ferree.
Berks,	Sheriff,	Henry Vanderslice,	Adam Whitman.
	Coroner,	Peter Brecht,	John Bishop.
Northampton,	Sheriff,	Henry Tulbert,	Peter Kachlein.
	Coroner,	Jonas Hartzell,	Jacob Orndt.
New Castle,	Sheriff,	John Thompson,	
	Coroner,	Joseph Stedman,	
Kent,	Sheriff,	John Cook,	
	Coroner,	Caleb Furbee,	
Sussex,	Sheriff,	Dormon Lofland,	
	Coroner,	Lyttleton Townsend,	

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 6th October, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, Andrew Allen, } Esquires.
James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, Junior, }

William Dewees Esquire, Sheriff, appeared at the Board and laid before them the Depositions of John Clark, William Morris, and himself taken before a Magistrate respecting his Conduct in the affair wherein Richard Swanwick has charged him with misbehaviour in his office. The said Depositions being read and duly considered, it appeared to the Board that the Charge against Mr. Dewees was founded on a misapprehension between Mr. Swanwick and Mr. Dewees, and that the latter had fully vindicated himself against that charge, and therefore they advised the Governor to continue him in Commission as Sheriff; At the same Time, the Governor acquainted him that it was his Duty upon all Occasions to give the most speedy and effectual Assistance to the Officers of His Majesty's Customs, in the Execution of their office, and enjoined him for the future to defer all Civil Business of his Office

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that he might afford the most ready assistance to them when required.

The Returns of Sheriffs and Coroners for the Counties of Philadelphia, York and Cumberland, were then laid before the Board, and being duly considered, the following Persons were appointed and commissionated Sheriffs and Coroners for the Counties for which they are respectively returned, Viz^{t}:

Names of Counties.	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriff's Sureties.
City and County of Philad^{a}	Sheriff,	William Dewees,	Joseph Potts.
	Coroner,	John Knight,	William Coates & Robert Shannon.
York,	Sheriff,	Charles Lukins,	James Dill.
	Coroner,	Joseph Adlem,	Michael Swoope.
Cumberland,	Sheriff,	Robert Semple,	John Montgomery
	Coroner,	James Pollock,	Robert Miller.

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MEMORANDUM, the 8th of October, 1774.

The Returns of Sheriffs and Coroners for the Counties of Bedford and Northumberland being now made, The Governor was pleased to commissionate the Persons following, as Sheriffs and Coroners of their respective Counties, Viz^{t}:

Names of Counties.	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriff's Sureties.
Bedford,	Sheriff,	James Piper,	Bernard Dogharty,
	Coroner,	John Cessna,	Esquire.
Northumberland,	Sheriff,	William Cook,	Wm. Plunkett,
	Coroner,	James Murray,	S. Hunter, Esqrs.

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MEMORANDUM, 13th October, 1774.

The Return of Sheriffs and Coroners for Westmoreland County being now made, the Governor was pleased to commissionate the following Persons as Sheriff and Coroner of the said County, Viz^{t}:

Name of the County.	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriff's Sureties.
Westmoreland,	Sheriff,	JohnCarnaghan,	Joseph Beeler,
	Coroner,	James Kinkead,	John M'Clellan.

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Council Chamber.

MEMORANDUM, 15th October, 1774.

A Committee of the Assembly waited on the Governor yesterday, and acquainted him that, pursuant to the Charter and Laws of the Province, a Quorum of the Representatives had met, and had proceeded to chuse their Speaker, and desired to know when and where the Governor would be pleased to receive the House, that he might be presented for His Honor's Approbation. The Governor having appointed this Day, at o'clock for that purpose, acquainted the House, by the Secretary, that he attended his Appointment in the Council Chamber, and was ready to recieve the House with their Speaker.

The whole House waited on the Governor, and presented Edward Biddle, Esquire, as their Speaker, who, after receiving the Governor's Approbation, claimed the usual Privileges in the name and Behalf of the House, to which the Governor replied he thought those Privileges essentially requisite in a Representative Body, and he should be careful to protect the House in the full enjoyment of them, and then the House withdrew.

At a Council held at Philadelphia on Monday 17th October, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Richard Peters,	Edward Shippen, jun^r.	
Benjamin Chew,		

Upon the application of John Patterson, Esquire, Deputy Collector of His Majesty's Customs for this Port, the Governor, with the advice of the Council, issued the following Proclamation, Viz^t:

"*By the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, an Information hath been made to me by John Patterson, Esquire, Collector of His Majesty's Customs for the Port of Philadelphia, supported by Depositions taken before one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia, that in the night of the twenty-second day of last month, a considerable Number of Hogsheads of Foreign Sugars, were taken from on

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board the Schooner Felicity, Allen Moore, Master, lately arrived from Hispaniola, and put into a Store in the Northern Liberties of this City, the said Sugars not having been first entered in the Custom House, nor the Duties thereof paid before they were landed, and that on the next Day, a great number of People armed with Clubs and Staves, appeared at the said Store, and prevented the Officers of the Customs from breaking open the Doors of the same, in order to make Seizure of the said Sugars, and that afterwards, in the Evening of the same Day, the said Sugars were violently and forcibly taken from the said Store and carried away. I have therefore thought fit, with the advice of the Council, to issue this Proclamation, and do hereby strictly charge, enjoin, and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and all civil Officers, as well as all others His Majesty's Subjects within this Province, to use their utmost Endeavors, by all lawful Ways and Means, not only to bring to Justice all offenders in the Premises, but to discountenance and discourage all such Violent, outrageous, and illegal Proceedings for the future; and also upon all Occasions, to afford the most speedy and effectual Aid and Assistance to the Officers of His Majesty's Customs in the legal discharge of their Duty.

"*Given* under my Hand and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the eighteenth day of October, in the fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four.

"JOHN PENN.

"By His Honour's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Jr. Secr'y.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

The Board being of Opinion it would be expedient and necessary to continue in pay, for a Time longer, the Rangers employed in the Protection of the Western Frontiers of this Province, they advised the Governor to reccommend it to the Assembly to make Provision for that Purpose, and the following Message being prepared at the Table, was fairly transcribed and delivered to the House by the Secretary, Viz^t:

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"By the latest Intelligence from the Westward, The Earl of Dunmore was sent out on an Expedition down the Ohio against the Shawanese Indians, and it is very uncertain as yet whether the Troubles on the Frontiers may subside. I therefore find it incumbent on me to recommend to your Consideration the Propriety of keeping in pay, for a longer Time, the Rangers employed by this

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Government, or taking such other Measures as you may judge on this Occasion most proper for the Public Security.

"JOHN PENN.

"October 17th, 1774."

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MEMORANDUM, 19th October, 1774."

The Governor this Day received the following Message and Resolves from the Assembly in answer to His Honor's Message of the 17th Instant, Viz^t:

A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

"May it please your Honour:

"Having taken into Consideration the Matters referred to us in your Message of the 17th Instant, we are of opinion that the Rangers employed by this Government should be disbanded by the first of November next, as their Service on the Frontiers does not appear to us to be any longer Necessary.

"We have provided, agreeable to the Resolves sent herewith, for the Payment of the Arrears that may be due, and for the incidental Charges that have accrued for this Service.

"As the safety of the Province, in a great measure, depends upon having a supply of Arms ready upon any Emergency, we trust your Honor will give orders, that at the Time of disbanding the Men, the Arms with which you supplied them may be collected and deposited in some place of Security.

"Signed by Order of the House.

"E. BIDDLE, Speaker.

"October 19th, 1774."

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In Assembly, October 19th, 1774.

"*Resolved*, That the Pay of the Rangers on the Frontier be continued 'till the first of November next, and that they be then disbanded; it not appearing to the House that their Service is any longer necessary.

"*Resolved*, That Mr. Hillegas, Mr. Gray, Mr. Mifflin and Mr. Humphreys, or any three of them, by and with the Consent of the Governor of this Province, for the Time being, may draw Orders on the Provincial Treasurer for any Sum not exceeding fourteen hundred and fifty pounds, to be disposed of in discharging the Arrears of Pay and Victualling the said Rangers; the said Sum to be paid out of the Monies remaining in his Hands by Virtue of an

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Act passed the 28th of September last, entitled An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of the Public Debts.

"Extract from the Journals.

"CHA^s MOORE, Cl'k. of Assembly."

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New-Castle, October 20th., 1774.

George Read, Esquire, having resigned his Office of Attorney General of this Government, the Governor was this Day pleased to issue a Commission appointing Jacob Moore, Esquire, to that Office.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Message from the House, acquainting him that they had met pursuant to the Charter and Laws of the Government, and had chosen their Speaker, and desired to know when and where they should wait on him to present him. The Governor having answered that he should be ready to receive the House at Mrs. Clay's, they accordingly attended there and presented Cæsar Rodney, Esquire, as their Speaker, who, being approved by the Governor, claimed the usual Priviledges, which were allowed, and then they withdrew.

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Eodem Die.

A Committee of Assembly having waited on the Governor and acquainted him the House were duly qualified, and were ready to receive any Business his Honor might have to lay before them, the Governor sent the Secretary with a written Message to them in the following words:

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"As the Jurisdiction of this Government is now extended to the Provincial Lines run and marked between these Counties and Maryland, in pursuance of Agreements between the respective Proprietaries and of Decrees of the high Court of Chancery in England, founded on those Agreements, and as the newly acquired tract of Country is not properly within any particular County, there seems to be a Necessity of a Law for establishing divisional Lines between the Counties, from the Western termination of the late reputed Boundaries to what is called the Tangent Line. I must, therefore, recommend the Matter to your immediate Consideration.

"JOHN PENN.

"New Castle, 21st October, 1774."

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October 24th, 1774.

The Governor having taken in Consideration the State of the Commissions of the Peace for this Government, and finding it necessary to make some Alterations and Additions thereto, he this Day issued new General Commissions for the three Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, and the Persons whose names are as follow, were therein assigned Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the said Counties respectively, Viz^t:

For New Castle County:

The Members of the Proprietary and Governor's Council; and

John Jones,	John Evans,
Thomas James,	Theodore Maurice,
William Patterson,	Thomas Mc Kean,
John Stapler,	Benjamin Noxon,
David Finney,	John Malcom,
Thomas Cooch,	George Craighead,
James Latimer,	Richard Cantwell,
Thomas Mc Kim,	Samuel Patterson.

Dedimus Potestatem, directed to

RICHARD M^c WILLIAM, and
GEORGE READ, Esquires.

For Kent County:

The Members of the Proprietary and Governor's Council; and

Charles Ridgley,	Thomas Hanson,
James Sykes,	Jonathan Emerson,
William Rhodes,	John Chew,
John Clark,	Richard Smith,
Jacob Stout,	Richard Lockwood,
Fenwick Fisher,	Zadock Crapper,
Thomas Tilton,	Thomas Rodney,
James Boyer,	Thomas White.

Dedimus Potestatem, directed to

CÆSAR RODNEY, and
SAMUEL CHEW, Esquires.

For Sussex County:

The Members of the Proprietary and Governor's Council; and

Benjamin Burton,	Booz Manlove,
Jacob Kollark,	John Wiltbank,
Wrixam Lewis,	Daniel Nune,
Gilbercher Parker,	Nehemiah Davis,
Levin Crapper,	John Dagworthy,
Thomas Robinson,	William Holland,
William Conwell,	William Elligood,

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John Rodney, William Polk,
Anderson Parker, Jonathan Bell.
Parker Robinson,
Dedimus Potestatum directed to
DAVID HALL, and
JOHN RODNEY, Esquires.

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October 25th, 1774.

The Assembly this Day sent up to the Governor, for his Concurrence, four Bills entituled as follow, Viz^t^:

"An Amendment to an Act entituled 'a Supplementary Act for the Amendment of an Act of General Assembly of this Government, made in the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled 'An Act for Banking in and Draining a Quantity of Marsh, in the County of New Castle, bounding on Brandywine, Christiana, and Delaware Rivers, commonly called by the Name of Cherry Island Marsh, and for keeping the Banks, Dams, and Sluices belonging to the same in good Repair.'"

"A Supplement to an Act entituled 'An Act to enable the Owners of a piece of Marsh on the South side of Port-die Creek, fronting the River Delaware, effectually to embank and drain the same, and to oblige all the Owners of the Marsh situate on the said River, inclosed by a Bank running from a point of fast Land of Jonas Stedham, to Delaware aforesaid, and down the same to the Southermost Point of the fast land of James Eves, to keep the same, Bank and Dam in good Repair forever, and to raise a Fund to defray sundry contingent yearly Expences accruing thereon.'"

"An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of that Tract of Meadow known by the name of the Deer Creek Marsh, to keep the Banks, Dams, and Sluices in Repair, &c.'"

"An Act for the Relief of George Beach, a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of New Castle, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person." Which four Bills, being duly considered and approved, were returned to the House with the Governor's assent.

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Wednesday, October 26th, 1774.

The Assembly waited on the Governor at 12 o'clock by Appointment, when the Speaker presented the four Bills which were agreed on yesterday, which the Governor enacted into Laws, signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal thereto, and appointed the Secretary to accompany the two Members named by the Assembly to see them Sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office.

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The Speaker then, in behalf of the House, thanked the Governor for his Care and attention to the Business of the Government, and assured him that the House would have a proper remembrance of it.

A Committee of Assembly afterwards waited on the Governor and acquainted him that they proposed to adjourn till the 13th of March next, if the Council had no Objection to it, and the Governor answered that their proposed Time of Adjournment was very agreeable to him.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 2d November, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Andrew Allen,	

WHEREAS, on the Petition of sundry Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of Northampton, an Order of Council was issued on the 6th of April, 1771, directing six persons therein named, or any five of them, to view and lay out a Road from the north side of the Blue Mountain in the said County of Northampton to Wyoming, in the most convenient and direct Courses, and to make a Return of the Courses and Distances, with a Draught of the said Road into the Provincial Secretary's Office within six Months from the Date thereof. *And whereas*, another Petition from the Inhabitants of the said County of Northampton had this day been presented to this Board, setting forth that the six Persons named in the Order above mentioned have neglected to view and lay out the Road therein directed, and therefore praying that six other Persons may be appointed to view and lay out the aforesaid Road, (from the North side of the blue Mountain in the said County of Northampton); It is therefore Ordered, that Simon Heller, Casper Dull, Jonas Hartzell, Adam Hubler, Abraham Laban and Adam Joke, do view and lay out a Public Road, or King's High Way, from the North side of the Blue mountain, at a place called the Wind Gap, in the most direct and convenient Courses to Wyoming, so that the Communication between the said Places may be rendered as safe, easy and convenient for Carriages to pass, as the Nature of the Country will admit, and to make a Return of the Courses and Distances, with a Draught of the said Road, into the Provincial Secretarie's Office, in Order to be confirmed, if the same shall be approved.

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter he received yesterday by the Packet, from the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, which was read, and follows in these words, Viz^t:

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(No. 5.)

WHITEHALL, 26th August, 1774.

"Sir:

"It having been represented to the King that the Government of Pennsylvania has taken a Resolution to extend its Jurisdiction up to the Line settled by Commissioners between that Province and Maryland, altho' the Guardians of the Heir of Lord Baltimore have declared their incapacity, in point of Law, to concur in a ratification of that line, and consequent by their inability to take the like Step on their Part; and it being apprehended that such a partial extension of Jurisdiction may have the Effect to disturb the Peace of the King's Subjects settled on the Frontiers of both Provinces, and may occasion Violence and Bloodshed, I am commanded by the King to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure, that you do desist from issuing any Orders for extending the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania beyond those Places where it has been hitherto usually exercised, until the present Difficulty on the part of Maryland shall be removed, or until His Majesty's further Pleasure be known.

"I am Sir,

"Your most Obedient humble Servant,

"DARTMOUTH.

"Deputy Governor PENN."

Which Letter being duly considered, The Governor, in Compliance with His Majesty's Pleasure therein signified, issued the following Proclamation, Viz^t:

"*By the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, I have just received a Letter from the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, informing me 'that it had been represented to His Majesty that the Government of Pennsylvania had taken a Resolution to extend its Jurisdiction up to the Line settled by Commissioners between that Province and Maryland, although the Guardians of the Heir of Lord Baltimore had declared their Incapacity in point of Law to concur in a Ratification of that Line, and consequently their Inability to take the like Step on their Part; And it being apprehended that such a partial Extension of Jurisdiction might have the Effect to disturb the Peace of the King's Subjects settled on the Frontiers of both Provinces, and might occasion Violence and Bloodshed, he was commanded by the King to signify to me His Majesty's Pleasure, that I should desist from issuing any

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Orders for extending the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania beyond those Places where it had been usually exercised, until the present Difficulty on the part of Maryland shall be removed, or until His Majesty's further Pleasure should be known;' I have, therefore, in Compliance with His Majesty's Commands, thought proper to issue this, my Proclamation, hereby strictly commanding and enjoining all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other Officers of Justice, to desist from exercising the Jurisdiction of the Government of Pennsylvania, or the Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, beyond those Places where the same hath been usually exercised until the present Difficulty, on the Part of Maryland, shall be removed, or until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be known in the Premises, any thing in any former Proclamation contained, to the Contrary notwithstanding.

"*Given* under my Hand and the Great Seal of the said Province of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, the second day of November, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, and in the fifteenth year of His Majesty's Reign.

"JOHN PENN.

"By his Honour's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junr. Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

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November the 3d, 1774.

The Governor this day sent by the Packet a Letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in Answer to His Lordship's Letter of the 26th of August last:

(No. 5.)

"PHILADELPHIA, 3d November, 1774.

"My Lord:

"I have just had the Honor of your Lordship's Letter No. 5, of the 26th of August last, signifying His Majesty's Commands, 'that I should desist from issuing any Orders for extending the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania up to the Line settled by Commissioners between that Province and Maryland, until the present Difficulty arising from the Minority of the Heir of the late Lord Baltimore shall be removed, or until His Majesty's further Pleasure be known.' I am to inform your Lordship that before the Receipt of your Letter, I had issued the inclosed Proclamation for exercising the Jurisdiction of this Province up to the Boundary Line run and marked out by Commissioners under the Authority of the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania and Maryland, in consequence of Articles of Agreement

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executed by them for that Purpose, and the Decrees of the Lord Chancellor for the specific execution of those Articles. As the Commissioners had compleatly finished the running and marking the Lines in the Life Time of the late Lord Baltimore, and the Articles of Agreement between the Proprietaries for settling the Boundary, as well as the Proceedings of the Commissioners had, on the joint Petition of the respective Proprietaries, been ratified by His Majesty in Council, I conceived that a final End and Period had thereby been put to a Controversy which had been agitated for ninety Years, at an immense Expence to the Parties, to the great detriment of the Settlement of this Infant Country, and that nothing was wanting to validate or enforce a Transaction so solemnly established. But I was not induced, my Lord, to take this Step solely on Motives founded on the Interest of my Family. The People living between the antient temporary Line of Jurisdiction, and that lately settled and marked by the Commissioners, were in a Lawless State. Murders, and the most outrageous Transgressions of Law and Order were committed with Impunity in those Places. In vain did Persons injured, apply to the Government of Maryland for Protection and Redress. In this Situation they have of late repeatedly Petitioned to be taken under the Protection of this Province, into which they fell by the Lines run under the Articles and Decrees. Apprehensive lest some Disturbances might possibly arise by my issuing an ex-parte Proclamation for extending the Jurisdiction, I applied to the Government of Maryland to join with me therein, and I deferred the Measure 'till I found there was no Hopes of a Compliance with my Request; and so far, my Lord, has this partial extension of the Jurisdiction been from having the apprehended Effect of disturbing the Peace of the King's Subjects on the Frontiers, and occasioning Violence and Bloodshed, that it has had quite contrary tendency, and, as I have been well informed, has quieted the Disturbances there, and given universal Satisfaction to the People. His Majesty's Commands, however, it is my Inclination as well as Duty, on this, and every other Occasion, strictly, and without hesitation to obey. I have therefore issued a Proclamation, a Copy of which I inclose your Lordship, to counteract that lately published, and shall take no further Steps in the Affair, unless His Majesty on this State of Facts, and re-considering the Matter, shall be graciously pleased to permit me.

"I have the Honor to be, with great Respect,
"Your Lordship's most Obedient
"humble Servant,
"JOHN PENN.

"To The Rt Honble. the Earl of Dartmouth, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, Whitehall."

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MEMORANDUM, December 8th, 1774.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and acquainted him that the House had met pursuant to adjournment, and were ready to receive any Business he might have to lay before them. To which His Honour replied, that he had nothing at present to recommend to their Consideration, but if any thing occurred during their sitting, he would communicate the same to the House by a message.

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Wednesday, 14th December, 1774.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and presented him for his Concurrence a Bill entituled "A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act for emitting the Sum of one hundred and fifty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the payment of the Public Debts.'"

Which being immediately considered and approved, was returned to the Assembly with the Governor's Assent.

A Committee of the House thereupon waited on the Governor, and requested to know when he would be pleased to pass the abovementioned Bill into a Law; And the Governor acquainted them that he would immediately go to the Council Chamber for that Purpose.

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Eodem Die, 5 o'Clock, P. M.

The Governor being in the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, to acquaint him that he required their Attendance there, in order to enact into a Law the Bill to which he had given his Assent. The whole House immediately attended, and the Speaker presented to the Governor the following Bill, which His Honour enacted into a Law, and signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal thereto. The Law was afterwards Sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office, and is entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act for emitting the Sum of one hundred and fifty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of Public Debts.'"

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Tuesday 20th December, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, Jr., }

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills, sent up by the Assembly for his Concurrence, entituled,

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act for erecting the North West part of Bucks into a Separate County.'"

"An Act to suppress the disorderly Practice of Firing Guns, &c^t. at the Times therein mentioned," which were read and considered, and being approved, were ordered to be returned to the Assembly, with a Verbal Message that the Governor gives his Assent to them. At the same Time the Secretary was directed to deliver a written Message from the Governor, which follows in these Words, Viz^t:

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"I am informed by the Barrack Master that the Apartments of the Barracks in the Northern Liberties, and the necessary Furniture and Utensils are extreamely out of Order, and in great need of Repair. I must therefore recommend the matter as worthy of your Consideration.

"JOHN PENN.

"December 20th, 1774."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 23d December, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan, Andrew Allen, } Esquires.
James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, jun^r. }

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills sent up by the Assembly for his Concurrence, entituled

"An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the Public Roads and Highways within this Province;"

"An Act to prevent Frauds in the packing and preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation."

Which Bills being read and duly considered, were ordered to be returned to the Assembly by the Secretary, with a verbal Message that the Governor could not agree to pass the first mentioned Bill

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into a Law, and with the following Amendments made to the second, Viz^t:

Page 14, Penult Line. dele the Words [the Assembly appoints another], and insert the Words [another shall be appointed by Act of General Assembly].

Page 16, Line 9. After the Word [Act] add the Words [and shall take the like Oath or Affirmation as their principal is hereby directed to take previous to their entering on the Execution of their said Offices].

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor and presented him the following Message, Viz^t:

A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

"May it please your honour:

"The House have considered your Message of the 20th Instant, and beg leave to inform your Honor that they do not think it expedient at this time to repair the Barracks in the Northern Liberties, or to provide Furniture or Utensils for the same.

"Signed by Order of the House,

"E. BIDDLE, Speaker.

"December 23d, 1774."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 24th December, 1774.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters, Andrew Allen, Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, Junr, James Tilghman, } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills sent up by the Assembly for his Concurrence, entituled

"An Act for the relief of John Burrows and William Walters, languishing Prisoners in the Gaols of Philadelphia and Bucks counties, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons;" And

"An Act for the relief of Henry William Stiegal, a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Philadelphia County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person."

Which were read and considered, and one and the same Amendment being made to both of them, they were immediately returned to the House with the Amendment, which is as follows, Viz^t:

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In the first Bill, Page 13, Penult Line after the Word [sufficient], and in the second Bill, Page 12, Line 6, after the word [assigned] insert the Words [nor for any Debt due to any distant or absent Creditor, to whom Notice shall not have been given pursuant to the Direction of this Act].

The Governor also laid before the Board the Bill for preventing Frauds and Abuses in the packing and preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation, with the following Answer from the Assembly to the Governor's Amendments, Viz':

1st Amendment.—The House dissent to the said amendment, and propose in lieu thereof, as follows: Page 14, penult Line, dele the Words [The Assembly appoints another,] and insert the Words [The end of the next sitting of Assembly, and no longer.]

2d Amendment.—The House agreed to.

Which being considered, and the proposal of the House agreed to, the Secretary was directed to return the Bill to the House with a Verbal Message that the Governor agrees to pass the same into a Law, with the alteration proposed by the House in lieu of the Governor's first Amendment.

A Committee of Assembly, immediately after the return of the Bill, waited on the Governor with a Message, requesting His Honor would appoint a Time for passing the Bills which had been agreed to, and acquainted him that the House proposed to adjourn to the 20th of February next; to which His Honor replied that he would be ready in the Council Chamber at 2 o'Clock to pass the Bills, and had no objection to their proposed Time of Adjournment.

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Eodem die, Council Chamber, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Governor having sent a Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, requiring their attendance, the whole House attended accordingly, and the Speaker presented to the Governor the five following Bills, which His Honor enacted into Laws, and signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal to them. The Laws were afterwards sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office, and are entituled as follow, Viz':

"An Act for erecting the North West part of Bucks into a Separate County."

"An Act to suppress the disorderly practice of Firing Guns, &ca., on the Times therein mentioned."

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act for emitting the Sum of one hundred and fifty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit on loan, and providing a Fund for the payment of Public Debts."

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"An Act to prevent Frauds in the packing and preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation."

"An Act for the relief of John Burrows, a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Philadelphia County; and William Waters, a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Bucks County, with respect to the imprisonment of their Persons."

"An Act for the relief of Henry William Stiegel, a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Lancaster County, with respect to the imprisonment of his Person."

Before the House withdrew, the Speaker, on behalf of the House, presented the Governor an Order on the Provincial Treasurer for the Sum of £ towards his Support, for which His Honor returned the House his Thanks.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 25th January, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, jun^r.	
James Tilghman,		

The Governor laid before the Board two Papers, delivered to him by Captain St. Clair, which were read, and are as follow, Viz^t.:

"*Westmoreland, ss:*

"Before us, Robert Hanna and Arthur S^t. Clair, Esquires, two of His Majesty's Justices for Westmoreland County, personally appeared Samuel Whiteside, keeper of the Gaol of the said County, and being duly sworn according to Law, deposeth and saith: that on this Instant, twenty-fourth of December, a number of armed Men came to the Gaol of the said County, and ordered him to open the Prison Doors, and turn out a certain William Thomas, then in his Custody on sundry Executions; that he believes a certain William Christy and Simon Girty, who seemed to be Officers from their Dress, were at the Head of their Party; That he, this Deponent, refused to deliver his Prisoner, or open the Door where he was confined; that they then talked of throwing down the House, when a certain Major Conolly came up, enquired who resisted the releasement of the Prisoners, threatened to tie and carry off him; this Deponent ordered the Party to fire their Pieces against the House, and strip off the Roof, on which he, (this Deponent,) being afraid of ill Consequences, both to his Person and Property, did open the Door to allow the Prisoner to speak to the Party, and one of them rushed in, seized him, and dragged him out, and also turned out a certain William Dawson, who was likewise in his

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Custody on Execution, and that it was Conolly himself who laid Hands on Thomas and dragged him out; and further saith not.

"SAMUEL WHITESITT.

"Sworn and Subscribed, December 24th, 1774, before us.

"ROBERT HANNA,
"A^R. ST. CLAIR."

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"WHEREAS, I am well informed that certain Persons, by written Instructions, directed to different People through this Country, under the denomination of Collectors, are apparently authorized to break open Doors, Cupboards, &c., and to commit sundry other acts of Violence in order to extort Money from the Inhabitants, under the Appellation of Taxes; These are, therefore, to acquaint all His Majesty's Subjects, that as there can be no Authority legally invested in any Persons for such Acts at this Juncture, that such Attempts to abuse public Liberty are unwarrantable, and that all Persons have an undoubted natural, as well as lawful Right, to repel such Violence; and all His Majesty's Subjects are hereby required to apprehend any Person, whatever, who may attempt a seizure of their Effects in Consequence of such imaginary Authority, to be dealt with as the Law directs.

"Given under my Hand, at Fort Dunmore, this 30th Day of December, 1774.

"JOHN CONNOLLY."

Captain St. Clair appearing at the Board and representing that William Crawford, Esquire, President of the Court in Westmoreland County, hath lately joined with the Government of Virginia, in opposing the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania in that County, the Board advised the Governor to supercede him in his Offices as Justice of the Peace and common Pleas. A Supersedeas was accordingly ordered to be issued.

The Chief Justice having recommended to the Governor, as an Object of Mercy, a certain William Thomas, who was convicted of Burglarly, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held the 19th of November last, at Reading, for the County of Berks, the Board advised the Governor to grant him a Pardon, which the Secretary was accordingly directed to make out.

All Endeavors hitherto used for the apprehending the Person who shot and murdered Edward Carey, late of the Northern Liberties, on the 25th of December last, on the Germantown Road, having proved ineffectual, it was the unanimous Opinion of the Board that it would be advisable for the Governor to issue a Proclamation offering a public Reward of one hundred Pounds for apprehending him. The Governor thereupon directed the Secretary to prepare a Draught of a Proclamation for that purpose, in order to be published in the next papers.

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January 27th, 1775.

A Proclamation being prepared by the Secretary, agreeable to an Order of Council of the 25th Instant, and now approved, was this day issued by the Governor, and ordered to be published in the several News Papers, and the same is as follows, Viz^{t}:

"*By the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, it appears by an Inquest lately taken before the Coroner for the City and County of Philadelphia, that on the twenty-fifth day of December last, about eight o'clock in the Evening, a certain Edward Carey, late of the Northern Liberties, was inhumanly shot, and murdered in his Waggon on the Germantown Road, within three Miles of this City, by some Person unknown: *And Whereas*, all Endeavours hitherto used for the discovering the Murderer have proved ineffectual, and it is of the utmost importance to the safety and well being of His Majesty's Liege Subjects, that the Authors of such atrocious Crimes should be detected and brought to condign and exemplary punishment, I have, therefore, thought fit, with the Advice of the Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby strictly enjoining and requiring all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables, and other Officers, as well as all other His Majesty's liege Subjects within this Province, to make diligent search and enquiry after the Author and Perpetrator of the said Murder. And as an Encourgement for the discovering and bringing the Offender to Justice, I do hereby promise and engage that the public Reward of one hundred Pounds shall be paid to any Person or Persons who shall discover, apprehend, and secure him, so that he be prosecuted to Conviction, according to Law.

"*Given* under my hand and the Great Seal of the said Province at Philadelphia, the twenty seventh day of January, in the fifteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

"JOHN PENN.

"By His Honour's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, J^{r}, Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 16th January, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor, &c^a.

William Logan,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, jun^r.,	

The Governor acquainted the Board that ——— Waterhouse, Esquire, Inspector of His Majesty's Customs, had represented to him that one of the Magistrates and the Sheriff of the County of Chester, had refused their Aid and Assistance to the Custom House Officers of this Port, in preventing the rescue of a Seizure lately made by them in the River Delaware, of the Schooner Isabella, John Ritchey, Master, with contraband Goods from Dunkirk, and had requested His Honor would call those civil Officers to an Account for neglect of Duty, and likewise issue a Proclamation on the Occasion; and as a Foundation for such Complaint Mr. Waterhouse had put into His Honor's Hands the Copy of a letter from Francis Welch, a Tide Surveyor for this Port, to the Custom House Officers, which was laid before the Board, and follows in these words, Viz^t.:

"PHILADELPHIA, February 8th, 1775.

"Gentlemen:

"According to your Orders on Wednesday the 1st Instant, I proceeded down the River in the small Boat, with four Boat men and one Tidesman; coming up with Gloucester Point, I went on board the Schooner Isabella, where I found one John Ritchey, who called himself the Mate of the Vessel, with five more Persons. I desired to know where he came from. He told me he came from Portsmouth, New England, and that he had nothing in but Ballast. I desired that I might search his Vessel; his Answer was, I should not, as the Captain was not on board. I then ordered the People to open the Hatches and search the Vessel; upon that he directly took out a Pistol, and swore the first Man that offered to open the Hatches he would blow him to Hell. About five o'Clock the same Day one Matthew Strong, whom I found was a Pilot, desired that I would let our Boat put him on Shore. My Answer was, I would not let the Boat go from alongside. They then hoisted out their own Boat, and put him on Shore, which was about three miles from Town. I then went down into the Cabbin with said Ritchey. He told me that the Vessel and Cargoe belonged to Captain David Campbell; That he was sole Owner, and what was on board was all he was worth in the world. I then desired him to tell me where they were from. He told me from Dunkirk, in France, and was loaded with dry Goods. I then searched under the Cabbins, where I found a parcel of Keggs, which he told me was Geneva, which I found afterwards was true, and likewise about thirty Pounds of

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Tea, done up in Bundles. I then asked him if there was any thing else in the Cabbin. He then shewed me one Trunk of Goods that belonged to the Captain, and another that belonged to a Passenger. I then sent Mr. Powell to you. About eight or nine o'Clock in the Evening Captain Campbell, with the Pilot, and two Gentlemen from Town, came on board, and ordered the Anchor up immediately, and said he was bound to St. Eustatia. Soon after the Gentlemen went away. About an hour after there came another Boat, with three more Gentlemen, unknown to me, desiring that I would not pursue the Vessel, for it would ruin the Captain. They then presented me 25 Guineas, and said they would give me more on Shore. I told them that I would not accept of any Money, but that I would do my Duty as an Officer as long as it was in my Power. They then went away, the Vessel being under Sail, going down the River. About two o'Clock in the Morning, on the second Instant, I seized the Vessel in the King's Name. I then told the Pilot to take Charge of Her in the King's Name, and if he carried her away he must stand by the Consequences, for she was the King's Vessel. I then ordered one of our People to take the Helm, and demanded of the Pilot to take her up to Town. Upon that Captain Campbell said the King never paid for her. He then put a Pistol to the Pilot's Head, and swore by the Eternal God if he did not carry her down, and not run her ashore, he would put him to Death. The next Tide of Ebb we got down to Chester, and came to Anchor. I then went ashore, and Captain Campbell with me, to get something to eat, for he had nothing on board but Bread. I then enquired if there was any Justice in that Place. I was informed there was. I waited on Messrs Francis Richardson and Henry Graham, the only two in the Place, and demanded their Assistance in behalf of the King. Mr. Richardson was sick, and Mr. Graham said he had no Business to go on Board any Vessel. I then waited on Mr. Vernon, a Sheriff, who told me he would go and get more help, and assist me. He went away, and I never saw him any more. I went on board again without any Assistance. They then weighed Anchor, and went down ''till they came to New Castle, and then came to Anchor again, as the Tide would not serve them any farther, which was about seven o'Clock in the Evening.' I went on Shore with two of my People, and left two on board, and waited on Mr. Montgomery, the Collector, and Mr. Maurice, Comptroller, and acquainted them that I was Tide Surveyor of the Port of Philadelphia, and that I had seized a Vessel from France, and they had taken her away from me, and was going to carry her off, and I desired them to give me some Assistance. They answered they could not, for the Commissioners would not allow them any Men. I told them I wanted only their presence, and I would save the Vessel. The Collector said he would go if the Comptroller would. The Comptroller asked whether I wanted him to go? I told him I did. He then said he would not go. I then demanded of him in

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the King's Name, and as an Officer of the Customs, to assist me in holding this Vessel. He went into his House and left me. Mr. Montgomery, the Collector, then said he could not go himself, but would get me a pair of Pistols, which he did. I went on board again. As soon as they found I could not get help, they said it was all their own. They then weighed Anchor, and carried us about five Miles from the Cape, when Captain Ritchie ordered us into the Boat, and that without Delay, or he would put us to Death; so, was obliged to get into the Boat, and they cast off, which was about one or two o'Clock in the Morning, although I begged them for God's sake, to let us stay 'till Daylight. After about three Hours' rowing, we got on Shore, and was taken up the next Day about three o'Clock in the Afternoon by Captain Allen, and brought up to town.

"I am, Gentlemen,

"Your most Obedient humble Servant,

"FRANCIS WELSH.

"[Copy of the Register]:

"Schooner Isabella, John Ritchey Master, 30 Tons, built at Boston, 1773, David Campbell sole owner, Dated London, October, 1774."

The Governor having thereupon desired the Opinion and advice of the Board, the Council, on due Consideration of the Matter, gave it as their Opinion that the River Delaware not being included within the Body of any County of this Province, The Jurisdiction of the County of Chester does not extend into the River Delaware, and consequently that the Magistrates and Sheriff of that County could not legally afford them any such Assistance as was required of them, and that therefore it would be improper to call those Magistrates and Sheriff to Account for any Misbehaviour; and further, that as the Vessel and her Crew were gone to Sea, the issuing of any Proclamation upon this Occasion would be useless and improper.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 20th February, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

James Hamilton,	James Hamilton,	Esquires.
William Logan,	Andrew Allen,	
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Junr.	
Richard Peters,		

The Governor having requested the Opinion of the Council whether it would not be advisable for him to recommend it to the Assembly, in the present critical Situation of American Affairs, humbly to apply to the King by way of Petition, for redress of any

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Grievances which they conceived their Constituents were subject to by any of the late Acts of Parliament, and the Board having duly considered the Matter, and being of Opinion that such a Measure would be very proper to be taken by the Government, a Committee was appointed to prepare a Draft of a Message for that Purpose, to be laid before the Board for their Consideration, at ten o'Clock to-Morrow Morning.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Tuesday 21st February, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

James Hamilton,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
William Logan,	Andrew Allen,	
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, jun^r.	

The Governor acquainted the Board that a Committee of the Assembly had waited on him last Night, to inform him that the House had met pursuant to adjournment, and desired to know if he had any Business to lay before them, to which he had answered that he had nothing in readiness to lay before them, but that as soon as he had any Matter to propose for their Consideration, he should send them a Message.

A Draft of a Message to the Assembly, prepared by a Committee of Council, was then laid before the Board, and being considered, amended and approved, was fairly transcribed at the Table, and sent to the Assembly by the Secretary. The Message follows in these words, Viz^t:

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"At a Time when the Disputes between Great Britain and her Colonies are drawing towards an alarming Crisis, I cannot consistent my Duty to His Majesty, or a proper attention to the true Interests of the People over whom I preside, avoid recommending to you any Measure which occurs to me as proper for the Representatives of the Province to pursue, or which in my Opinion, may have a Tendency to compose those unhappy Differences.

"You will agrée with me, Gentlemen, that in all Cases, Wisdom dictates the use of such Means as are most likely to attain the end proposed; On the present Occasion it is conceived that any Grievances which his Majesty's Subjects in America apprehend they have reason to complain of, should be humbly represented to His Majesty by the several Assemblies, as the only proper and constitutional mode of obtaining Redress, and I have the best Reason to believe

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that a proper attention will be paid to such Representations, and to any Propositions that may be made through that Channel, on the present State of American Affairs.

"This Mode therefore, I earnestly recommend to you to adopt, and I most ardently wish that the proceedings of this, as well as the other Colonies, may be of such a temperate and dutiful Nature as to afford a Foundation for a Re establishment of that Harmony with the Mother Country which is so essential to the Happiness of both.

"JOHN PENN.

"February 21st, 1775."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 25th February, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, James Tilghman, Edward Shippen, junr. } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board several Letters he had this Day received by Expresses from the Magistrates of Westmoreland County, complaining of further Violences in breaking open the Gaol of that County and discharging the Prisoners, and other outrages lately committed by the Militia and People of Virginia, and inclosing sundry Depositions to support these Complaints, which were severally read, and one of those Letters and Depositions follows in these words, the others being much of the same Purpose, Vizt:

"May it Please your Honor:

"Sir:

"Our Difficulties on account of the Conolly Party is now grown to an Extream; all we can do or say in favour of our Priviledges, from Pennsylvania, will not do; the Depositions sent down or transmitted to you will, we hope, give you a sense of their very irregular Proceedings. Ws are sorry to have occasion to repeat our Complaints so often, but William Crawford Esquire, and Dorsey Pentecost, hath each opened a Land Office, and assumed the Title of Deputy Surveyors to execute their Entries. Several surveys they have already made. The People in general hath already given up, and what can we do to support Government, there now being Writs granted for almost every acting Officer in this County, and we are every Day expecting Confinement. In short, any Person applying for Justice to us, may be assured to be arrested by them. James Smith, Captn was taken and bound over to the Virginia Court, for only applying to the Laws of Pennsylvania for to have a Bandite

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of Villians punished for pulling down his House. Our Gaol is of no use, the worst Raskel is set at Liberty; so we rest with patience waiting for the opinion of your Honour, with such Instructions as you may think adequate to our present Difficulties. This from S^r^

"your Honors most Obedient,

"and most humble Servants,

"ROBT. HANNA,

"W. LOCHRY,

"JOHN CARNAHAN,

"DEVEREUX SMITH.

"Hanna's Town in Westmoreland County, the 13th Feby 1775."

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Here follows the Sheriff's Deposition, Viz^t^:

"Westmoreland County, ss.

"Personally appeared before me the Subscriber, one of His Majesty's of the Peace for the County aforesaid, John Carnahan, Esquire, high Sheriff for the County aforesaid, being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, doth depose and say, that yesterday Morning, he hearing that there were a number of armed Men breaking the Gaol, he went to see whether it was so, and coming up to the Gaol he saw a number of armed Men, (by name as the Party themselves gave them in,) Benjamin Harrison, David Vance, Samuel Newel, Robert Newel, James Peopel, Thomas Bays, Joseph Marshall, Charles Clark, Isaac Justice, David McKaw, John McKaw, William Bays, Charles Kyle, Hugh Newel, (Samuel Warden, Samuel Wilson, John Neil, the three Prisoners,) George Watt, who having broke two of the Gaol Doors, (both being locked,) upon which he the said Carnahan demanded to know by what Authority they broke those Doors; they made answers and told him that they had their Authority; upon which he demanded to see it, when one Benjaman Harrison, who appeared to be their Commander, told him they had their orders from Major William Crawford, and that he could show them if he pleased; upon which he told him, (the said Harrison,) that a civil Question deserved a civil Answer; upon which he, the said Harrison, showed him the said Carnachan, a Paper, and read to this Effect, or near to this substance, for them the Party aforesaid, to press Horses, and what was necessary, and to go to Hanna's Town and to open the Gaol and let the Prisoners go out, and signed by William Crawford; And the said John Carnahan further saith, that the Party aforesaid shewed a Warrant signed by one Dorsey Penticost, as they told him, who acts as a Magistrate under the Colony of Virginia, to take one Captain James Smith, and one Edward Murray, for executing Warrants and takeing one of the People which the Party aforesaid took out of Gaol, (for committing a Riot, and throwing down a Man's House, and almost killing

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a Woman), and acting as Constables under the Province of Pennsylvania, and upon which warrant, signed by Dorsey Pentecost, (as they said,) they took the aforesaid James Smith and Edward Murray along with them to answer for the Crime aforesaid, (as they called it,) And the said John Carnachan further saith, that one of the aforesaid Party (David Vance by name) told him that he would be taken soon, and that he, the said Vance, had positive Orders that if any Pennsylvania Officer would offer to take him or any of them, with Precepts under the Government of Pennsylvania, to shoot them, and that he would do it, And further this Deponent saith not.

"JOHN CARNAHAN.

"Sworn and Subscribed before me this 8th day of February, 1775.

"ROBERT HANNA."

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1st March, 1775.

The Governor this Day wrote a Letter to His Excellency the Earl of Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, inclosing Copies of several Depositions which he lately received, relative to the Disturbances in Westmoreland County, and dispatched the same by Express, which Letter follows in these words, Viz^t:

"PHILADELPHIA, 1st March, 1775.

"My Lord:

"When you reflect how many of my Letters to your Lordship, on public affairs, remain unanswered, you must be sensible it cannot be very agreeable to me to write to You on the present Occasion, yet I find myself under the necessity of troubling you once more on the Subject of the Disturbances in the Western Parts of this Province.

"The inclosed Copies of several Depositions will inform your Lordship what recent Outrages have been committed in the County of Westmoreland, under the sanction of your Government, as those who have been active in them publickly declare; and my Intelligence informs me that your Lordship has set up an Office for granting Lands far within the Limits of this Province, and that Lands already patented by me have been granted by your Lordship, which cannot fail to produce the utmost Confusion.

"The Justice due to myself and the other Proprietor, and the Protection I owe to the People who have taken up Lands under this Province, and settled them long before your Lordship thought fit to disturb its Peace by extending the Government of Virginia within our Charter Bounds, oblige me to apply to your Lordship to know if these violent proceedings are the effect of your Orders, or

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have your Countenance, that in Case they have, I may take the proper Measures for Redress, or, if they have not, that they may receive your Discouragement. Your Lordship well knows that a Petition is depending before the Crown for settling the Bounds and running the Lines of this Province, which, when done, will put an End to the unhappy Disputes between the two Governments. You must remember that you have engaged to forward that good Work rather than throw Impediments in its way; and I would fain hope that your Lordship, in the mean Time, will use your Power and Influence in composing, rather than inflaming the Differences amongst His Majesty's Subjects of the two Colonies, occasioned by our clashing Jurisdictions, especially when you consider that the Country which is the Seat of the present Disturbances was first settled under this Province, and that our Jurisdiction was extended there, in the Time your Predecessor, Lord Botetourt, and recognized by his Lordship in his sending hither for tryal a Person who had committed a Murder at Stewart's crossings, which is Westward of the Laurel Hill.

"I shall forbear to take any steps in this disagreeable Affair 'till I have the Honor of an Answer to this Letter, which I hope your Lordship will favor me with by the return of the Express.

"I have the Honor to be your Lordship's
"most Obedient humble Servant,
"JOHN PENN.

"To The Right Honorable the Earl of Dunmore, Governor & Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Province of Virginia, Williamsburg."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 6th March, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor,

William Logan,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Junr.	
James Tilghman,		

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills sent up by the House of Assembly for his Concurrence, entituled as follow, Viz.:

"An Act for confirming the Estate of John Steel of Carlisle, in the County of Cumberland, in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land in the Township of Middleton, &c.

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work house and House of Correction, in the City of Philadelphia." Which Bills were read and considered, and ordered to be returned by the Secretary to the Assembly, with a Verbal

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Message That the Governor cannot agree to pass the first mentioned Bill into a Law, and gives his Assent to the other.

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MEMORANDUM, 7th March, 1775.

The Governor sent a written Message to the Assembly, which follows in these words, Viz^t:

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"On Saturday last a Number of Indians of the Tuscarora, Nanticoke, and Conoy Tribes, who reside on the Heads of the Susquehanna, came to Town with their Families, on a friendly visit to this Government. They have represented to me that they are very poor, and in great want of Cloathing, and other Necessaries, which they earnestly request to be supplied with; As I think Humanity, as well as good Policy, requires that we should comply with their Request, I must recommend it to you to make immediate Provision for furnishing them with a Present of such Goods as their Necessities demand, and defraying the Expences of their Journey.

"JOHN PENN.

"March 7th, 1775."

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MEMORANDUM, 9th March, 1775.

The Governor received, by a Committee of Assembly, a written Message, which follows in these words, Viz^t:

A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

"May it please your Honour:

"We are sincerely obliged to your Honor for your Attention to the true Interests of the People over whom you preside, at a Time when the Disputes between Great Britain and the American Colonies are drawing towards an Alarming Crisis; and we agree with you 'that in all Cases Wisdom dictates the use of such Means as are most likely to attain the Ends proposed.'

"We have, with deep concern, beheld a System of Colony Administration, pursued since the year 1763, as destructive to the Rights and Liberties of His Majesty's most faithful Subjects in America, and have heretofore adopted such Measures as we thought would be most likely to restore the Affection and Harmony between the Parent State and the Colonies, which it is the true

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Interest of both Countries to cultivate and maintain, and which we most sincerely wish to see restored.

"We must inform your Honor, that a most humble, dutiful, and affectionate Petition from the Delegates of all the Colonies, from Nova Scotia to Georgia, is now at the Foot of the Throne; And we trust in the paternal Affection and Justice of our most gracious Sovereign, that he will interpose for the Relief of his greatly distressed and ever faithful Subjects in America. And we assure your Honor that this House will always pursue such Measures as shall appear to them necessary for securing the Liberties of America, and establishing Peace, Confidence, and Harmony, between Great Britain and her Colonies.

"Signed by order of the House.

"E. BIDDLE, Speaker.

"March 9th, 1775."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 11th March, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, jun^r.	

The Governor laid before the Board seven Bills, which were presented to him by the Assembly for his Concurrence, and are entituled as follows, Vizt:

"An Act to enable the Trustees therein mentioned to sell and dispose of a certain Tract of Land, and to apply the Monies arising therefrom to the use of the low Dutch reformed Congregation, or a religious Society of Christians called Dutch Presbyterians."

"An Act for the relief of William Goddard and Septimus Levering, languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of Philadelphia, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."

"An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.'"

"An Act to suppress the holding of Fairs within the City of Philadelphia."

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds.'"

"An Act for confirming the Estate of Daniel Andrew, in and to certain Lands, in Amity Township, in the County of Berks."

Which were severally read, and the four first-mentioned Bills being duly considered, the Secretary was directed to return them to

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the Assembly with a few small amendments made to the third and fourth, and a Verbal Message, that the Governor gave his Assent to the first and second Bills. The three others were referred to further Consideration.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 13th March, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, Junr. } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter he received last Night by the Packet, from the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, dated the 7th of January, 1775, which was read, and follows in these Words, Vizt.:

(No. 8.)

"WHITEHALL, 7th January, 1775.

"Sir:

"I am very much obliged to you for the early communication of the Proceedings of the General Congress.

"These proceedings are of a very extraordinary nature, and it is with Concern I see, by your Letter of the 6th of December, that the Resolution for Non-importation has been so generally adopted in the Colony under your Government. Such Measures and Proceedings are but ill calculated to restore Peace and Union between Great Britain and the Colonies. But though they may, in the moment, provoke the Vengeance of Government, I will hope that we may yet, in the consideration of the Business, be led to some proposition that may ultimately bring about a happy accomodation upon some general constitutional Plan.

"Your Letter of the 3d of November, No. 5, states the Case respecting the Boundary Line between Pennsylvania and Maryland in a very different Light from that in which it was represented to me and the King; confiding in your Assertion, that the extention of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, up to the Line settled and marked by the Commissioners, had been so far from having the Effect to disturb the Peace of His Subjects, and occasioning Violence and Bloodshed, that it had a quite contrary tendency, and given universal Satisfaction, is graciously pleased to approve the Arrangement made by your Proclamation of the 15th of September, and to permit you to recall that issued on the 2d of November.

"I am, Sir,

"Your Most Obedient humble Servant,

"DARTMOUTH.

"Deputy Governor PENN."

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The Board taking the latter part of the above Letter into Consideration, were of opinion that it would be advisable for the Governor to issue a Proclamation, agreeable to His Majesty's permission, signified in the said Letter, to recall the Governor's Proclamation of the 2d of November last. It is accordingly ordered that a Draft of a Proclamation be prepared, to be laid before the Board at their next Meeting.

The Board then resumed the Consideration of the Supplementary Bill to the Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds, and several Amendments being made thereto, it is ordered to be returned with the same to the Assembly.

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March 15th, 1775, A. M.

MEMORANDUM.

Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor, and acquainted His Honor that their Speaker was so much indisposed that he was unable to attend the public Business, and that the House had proceeded to the choice of another Spreaker in his stead, and desired to know when the Governor would be ready to receive the House, that they might present him for His Honor's Approbation; to which the Governor replied that he would be in the Council Chamber in half an hour for that Purpose.

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Eodem die.

The Governor being in the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, to acquaint them that he was ready to receive the House with their Speaker. The whole House immediately waited on the Governor, and presented John Morton, Esquire, as their Speaker, who, after receiving His Honor's Approbation, acquainted His Honor, that as his Predecessor (Mr. Biddle) had claimed the usual Priviledges in behalf of the present Assembly, it was unnecessary for him to renew such Claim, except in respect to his own unwilling mistakes as Speaker, which he desired his Honour would excuse, and not impute them to the House, in which the Governor acquiesced.

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MEMORANDUM. March 16th, 1775.

The Governor this day wrote to Governor Eden the following Letter, on the subject of the Proclamation to be issued respecting the Boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland:

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"PHILADELPHIA, March 16th, 1775.

"Sir:

"I make no doubt you have been informed, since your return from England, that in the Month of September last I issued a Proclamation for extending the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania and the Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, up to the Boundary Lines run and marked by the Commissioners appointed to that Service, and that I afterwards revoked that Proclamation by a subsequent one of the second of November, in Consequence of His Majesty's Orders, signified to me by the Secretary of State, that I should desist from issuing any Orders for extending the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania beyond those Places where it had been usually exercised, until His Majesty's further Pleasure should be known therein. I am now to inform you that I have received a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth, by the last Packet, advising me, that His Majesty, 'on further Consideration, is graciously pleased to approve the Arrangement made by my Proclamation of the fifteenth of September, and to permit me to recall that of the second of November;' and I propose immediately to issue a new Proclamation, to make known His Majesty's Pleasure in this Matter, and to enforce that of the fifteenth of September.

"I am, with great Respect, Your Excellency's most Obedient and most humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To His Excellency ROBERT EDEN, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Maryland, Annapolis."

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MEMORANDUM, March 17th, 1775.

Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor with a verbal Message from the House, desiring his Honor would inform them at what time he would meet the House, in order to enact into Laws the Bills to which he had given his Assent; to which the Governor replied, he would be in the Council Chamber to-morrow at ½ past eleven o'Clock, for that purpose.

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Council Chamber, 18th March, ½ past 11 o'Clock, A. M.

The Governor being in the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, to acquaint them that he required their Attendance there, in order to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he had given his Assent. The whole House immediately attended, and presented to the Governor the following Bills, which his Honor enacted into Laws, and Signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal to them. The Laws were afterwards

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Sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office, and are entituled as follow, Viz^t:

"A supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Workhouse, and House of Correction in the City of Philadelphia.'"

"A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.'"

"An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."

"A Supplement to an Act entitled 'An Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds.'"

"An Act for the relief of William Goddard and Septimus Levering, languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of Philadelphia, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."

"An Act to enable the Trustees therein mentioned to sell and dispose of a certain Tract of Land, and to apply the Monies arising therefrom to the use of the low Dutch reformed Congregation, or a religious Society of Christians, called Dutch Presbyterians."

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New Castle, Tuesday 21st March, 1775.

The Governor having been prevented by his attendance on the Assembly of Pennsylvania last Week, from Meeting the Assembly of the Counties on Delaware, on the 13th Instant, the day on which they met pursuant to adjournment, His Honor arrived here this Day, in order to attend the public Business of this Government.

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Thursday, March 23d, 1775.

The Governor sent to the Assembly by the Secretary a written Message, which follows in these Words, Viz^t:

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"At your last Session, in October, I informed You that the Jurisdiction of this Government had been extended to the Boundary Lines run and marked by Commissioners appointed by the Proprietors of Pennsylvania and Maryland, and recommended it to you to establish such Divisional Lines in the Counties as the Settlement of the New Boundary might require. But soon after your last adjournment I was obliged by His Majesty's Commands, signified to me by a letter from the Secretary of State, by my Proclamation, dated the 21st of November, to supersede that which I had issued on the 15th of September, for the above Purpose of extending the

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Jurisdiction, until his Majesty's Pleasure should be further known therein. I have now, Gentlemen, the Satisfaction to acquaint you that I have lately been advised by the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, that His Majesty, on further Consideration of the Matter, is graciously pleased to approve of the Arrangement made by my Proclamation of the 15th of September, and to permit me to recall that of the 2d of November; so you are now at full Liberty to resume the Business I recommend to you at your last Session.

"JOHN PENN.

"New Castle, 23d March, 1775."

Wednesday, 29th March, 1775.

The Assembly having, since the Governor's attendance at this place, sent up to him ten Bills, which they had prepared during their present sitting, they were severally read, and duly considered, and a few Amendments being made to two of them, to which the Assembly having for the most part acceded, they were all at different Times returned to the House by the Secretary, with Messages that the Governor agreed to pass them into Laws whenever they should be presented to him for that purpose, except the Bill entituled "An Act to prohibit the Importation of Slaves into this Government," which the Governor returned to the House, with a Verbal Message that he could not agree to pass it into a Law. The said Bills are entituled as follows, Viz^{t}:

"An Act for easing scrupulous Consciences into the Mode of taking an Oath."

"A Supplement to an Act entituled 'An Act for erecting a Bridge and Causeway over Lewes Creek, from the Town of Lewes to the Cape side of the said Creek, in the County of Sussex.'"

"An Act for the Relief of the Poor."

"An Act for extending an act entituled 'An Act to prevent Swine running at large without Rings and Yokes, in certain Parts of New Castle County, within this Government, to Pencader Hundred, in the County aforesaid.'"

"An Act for supplying a Defect in the Title of John Southers to a certain Tract of Land in Christiana Hundred, in the County of New Castle, upon Delaware."

"An Act for the Relief of Moses Montgomery, a Prisoner in the Gaol of New Castle County."

"An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Meadow Marsh and Cripple, at the North end of the Town of New Castle, to keep the Banks, Dams, and Sluices in Repair, and to raise a Fund to defray the Expence thereof."

"A Supplement to an Act entituled 'An Act for improving the Meadows, &c^{t}, on Tom's Creek, in the Hundred and County of New Castle.'"

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"An Act for vesting the Court House and public offices, with the Lots of Ground whereon the same are erected, together with another Lot adjoining the same on the North Side thereof, situate in the Town of Dover, in the County of Kent, in Trustees, for the Uses therein mentioned."

"An Act to prohibit the Importation of Slaves into this Government."

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Message, desiring to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the House, in order to pass the Bills to which he had given his assent. To which the Governor replied that he should be ready to receive the House for that purpose at his Lodgings immediately. The Speaker and the whole House attended accordingly, and presented the first nine Bills above mentioned, which the Governor enacted into Laws, signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal to them, and directed the Secretary to accompany two Members of the Assembly to see them sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office.

Before the House withdrew the Speaker presented to the Governor an Order on the Trustees of the Loan Office for New Castle County for £150, for which His Honor returned the House his Thanks.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 8th April, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Edward Shippen,

Pursuant to an Order of Council, on the 13th day of March last, a Draught of a Proclamation for recalling that issued on the second of November, and confirming the Proclamation of the 15th of September last, agreeable to His Majesty's permission, signified to the Governor by the Earl of Dartmouth, was laid before the Board, and being duly considered, was agreed to, and the Governor, by the Advice of the Board, issued the same this Day, in the following Words, Viz^t:

"*By the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, by my Proclamation, bearing date the fifteenth day of September last, I did enjoin and require all Persons residing to the Northward and Eastward of the Lines and Boundaries theretofore run, and marked as Boundaries and Division Lines between the Province of Maryland and the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex, on Dela-

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ware, by Commissioners for that purpose appointed and authorized, in pursuance of two Articles of Agreement made between the Proprietors of the Province of Maryland and the Proprietors of the Province of Pennsylvania, and the Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, and also in pursuance of two several Decrees of the Lord High Chancellor of England, for the Specific performance of the said Articles, to yield Obedience to the respective Laws of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties aforesaid on Delaware; And I did further, by my said Proclamation, require all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other Officers of Justice, appointed, or to be appointed, in the said Province and Counties, to put in Execution the respective Laws thereof, against all Offenders within the Lines and Limits aforesaid, as by my said Proclamation may more at large appear; *And Whereas*, by my other Proclamation, bearing date the second day of November last past, I did, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, signified to me by a Letter from the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, enjoin all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and other Officers of Justice. to desist from exercising the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, or the Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, beyond those Places where it had been theretofore usually exercised, until His Majesty's further Pleasure should be known in the Premises, any thing in my former Proclamation to the contrary notwithstanding; *And Whereas*, I am now informed by a Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of Dartmouth, dated the seventh day of January last, 'that His Majesty, on further Consideration, hath been graciously pleased to approve of the Arrangement made by my said Proclamation of the fifteenth of September last, and to permit me to recall that of the second of November last,' I have, therefore, thought proper, by the Advice of the Council, to issue this Proclamation, to make known the Premises to all whom it may concern, hereby, in pursuance of His Majesty's Pleasure and permission, revoking my said Proclamation of the second of November last, and requiring all officers, and others, within the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, to yield Obedience to, and in all things observe the Orders and Injunctions in my said Proclamation of the fifteenth of September last contained, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril.

"*Given* under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Province of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, the eighth day of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and seventy-five, and in the fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

"JOHN PENN.

"By his Honor's Command,

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junr. Secretary.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

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The Governor, at the same time, communicated to the Board a Letter which he had just received from Governor Eden, which follows in these Words, Viz^t:

[Not in the book.]

To which Letter the Governor, by the Advice of the Council, wrote the following Answer at the Table, Viz^t:

"PHILADELPHIA, April 8th, 1775.

"Sir:

"I have the Favor of your Excellency's Letter of the 25th of March. Considering what passed between us the last Summer, on the Subject, I rather wished than expected your Concurrence in a Proclamation, and my last Letter was only meant to give you Notice of my Intention, because I would chuse to act in the most open manner.

"If any dependence is to be had on my Information, there is no probability of a Disturbance between the People of the two Provinces; They are in general satisfied that the Jurisdiction of this Government must take place, and therefore wish to have it hastened; nor can I imagine they will give an opposition to a Measure which I have His Majesty's Permission to take; and I am persuaded such an Opposition will not be countenanced by the Government of Maryland. I therefore flatter myself that your Excellency will not think me unreasonable in persisting to issue a Proclamation, agreeable to the King's permission and the advice of my Council.

"I am, with great Regard,

"Your Excellency's most obedient humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To His Excellency ROB^T. EDEN, Esqr. Governor of Maryland."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Friday 28th April, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan, Andrew Allen, Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, jun^r. James Tilghman, } Esquires.

The Governor having received by the last Packet three Letters from the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, with a Copy of a Resolution of the British House of Commons, entered into on the 20th of February last, relative to the Differences at present subsisting between great Britain and the Colonies, the same were laid before the Board and read, and one of the said Letters, with the Resolution therein referred to, follow in these Words, Viz^t:

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(Circular—Separate).

"WHITEHALL, 3d March, 1775.

"Sir:

"You will have seen in the King's Answer to the joint Address of both Houses of Parliament, on the 7th of February, (which Address and Answer have been already transmitted to you,) how much Attention His Majesty was graciously pleased to give to the Assurances held out in that Address of the readiness of Parliament to afford every just and reasonable Indulgence to the Colonies, whenever they should make a proper Application, on the Grounds of any real Grievance they might have to complain of; and, therefore, I have the less Occasion now to enlarge upon the Satisfaction it hath given His Majesty to see that Address followed by the inclosed Resolution of the House of Commons, which, whatever, may be the Effect of it, (I trust a happy one,) will for ever remain an Evidence of their Justice and Moderation, and manifest The Temper which has accompanied their Deliberations upon that Question, which has been the Source of so much Disquiet to His Majesty's Subjects in America, and the pretence for Acts of such Criminal Disorder and Disobedience.

"His Majesty, ardently wishing to see a Reconciliation of the unhappy Differences which have produced these Disorders, by every Means through which it may be obtained without Prejudice to the just Authority of Parliament, which His Majesty will never suffer to be violated, approves the Resolution of its faithful Commons, and Commands me to transmit it to you, not doubting that this happy Disposition to comply with every just and reasonable Wish of the King's Subjects in America, will meet with such a Return of Duty and Affection on their part, as will lead to a happy Issue of the present Disputes, and to a Re-establishment of the Public Tranquility on those Grounds of Equity, Justice and Moderation, which this Resolution holds forth.

"The King has the greater Satisfaction in this Resolution, and the greater Confidence in the good Effects of it, from having seen that amidst all the Intemperance into which a People, jealous of their Liberties, have been unfortunately misled, they have, nevertheless, avowed the Justice, the Equity, and the Propriety of Subjects of the same State, contributing according to their Abilities and Situation, to the Public Burthens; and I think I am warranted in saying that this Resolution holds no Proposition beyond that.

"I am unwilling to suppose that any of the King's Subjects in the Colonies, can have so far forgot the Benefits they have received from the Parent State, as not to acknowledge that it is to her support, held forth at the Expence of her Blood and Treasure, that they principally owe that Security which hath raised them to their present State of Opulence and Importance. In this Situation therefore, Justice requires that they should in return, contribute according to

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their respective Abilities to the common Defence, and their own Welfare and Interest demand that their Civil Establishment should be supported with a becoming Dignity.

"It has been the Care, and I am persuaded it is the firm Determination of Parliament, to see that both these Ends are answered, and their Wisdom and Moderation have suggested the propriety of leaving to each Colony to judge of the Ways and Means of making due Provision for these Purposes, reserving to themselves a discretionary Power of approving or disapproving what shall offer.

"The Resolution neither points out what the Civil Establishment should be, nor demands any specific Sum in Aid of the public Burthens; In both these Respects it leaves full Scope for that Justice and Liberality which may be expected from Colonies that, under all their prejudices, have never been wanting in Expressions of an Affectionate Attachment to the Mother Country, and a zealous Regard for the general Welfare of the British Empire, and therefore the King trusts that the Provision they will engage to make for the support of Civil Government, will be adequate to the Rank and Station of every necessary Officer, and that the Sum to be given in Contribution to the Common Defence will be offered on such Terms, and proposed in such a way, as to increase or diminish, according as the public Burthens of this Kingdom are, from time to time, augmented or reduced, in so far as those Burthens consist of Taxes and Duties, which are not a security for the National Debt. By such a Mode of Contribution, the Colonies will have full Security that they can never be required to tax themselves without Parliament taxing the Subjects of this Kingdom in a far greater Proportion, and there can be no doubt that any Proposition of this Nature, made by any of the Colonies, and accompanied with such a State of their Faculties and Abilities as may evince the Equity of the proposal, will be received with every possible Indulgence, provided it be at the same time unaccompanied with any Declarations, and unmixed with any Claims which will make it impossible for the King, consistent with his own Dignity, or for Parliament, consistent with their constitutional Rights, to receive it. But I will not suppose that any of the Colonies will, after this Example of the temper and moderation of Parliament, adopt such a Conduct; on the Contrary, I will cherish the pleasing Hope that the public Peace will be restored, and that the Colonies, forgetting all other trivial and groundless Complaint which ill humour hath produced, will enter into the Consideration of the Resolution of the House of Commons, with that Calmness and Deliberation which the Importance of it demands, and with that Good Will and Inclination to a Reconciliation which are due to the Candour and Justice with which Parliament has taken up this Business, and at once declared to the Colonies what will be ultimately expected from them.

"I have already said that the King entirely approves the Resolution of the House of Commons, and His Majesty commands me

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to say that a compliance therewith by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania will be most graciously considered by His Majesty, not only as a Testimony of their reverence for Parliament, but also as a Mark of their Duty and Attachment to their Sovereign, who has no Object nearer to his Heart than the Peace and Prosperity of his Subjects in every part of his Dominions. At the same time, his Majesty considers himself as bound by every Tye to exert those Means the Constitution has placed in his Hands for preserving that Constitution entire, and to resist with firmness every Attempt to violate the Rights of Parliament, to distress and obstruct the lawful Commerce of His Subjects, and to encourage in the Colonies Ideas of Independance inconsistent with their Connection with this Kingdom. "I am, Sir,

"Your most Obedient

"humble Servant,

"DARTMOUTH.

"Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania."

Here follows the Resolution of the House of Commons referred to in the foregoing Letter, Viz^t:

"*Resolved*, That when the Governor, Council, and Assembly, or General Court of any of his Majesty's Provinces or Colonies in America, shall propose to make Provision according to the Condition, Circumstances, and Situation of such Province or Colony, for contributing their Proportion to the common Defence, (such Proportion to be raised under the Authority of the General Court, or General Assembly of such Province or Colony, and disposable by Parliament,) and shall engage to make Provision also, for the support of the Civil Government, and the Administration of Justice in such Province or Colony, it will be proper, if such Proposal shall be approved by His Majesty and the Houses of Parliament, and for so long as such Provision shall be made accordingly, to forbear, in respect of such Province or Colony, to levy any Duty, Tax, or Assessment, or to impose any further Duty, Tax, or Assessment, except only such Duties as it may be expedient to continue to levy, or to impose for the Regulation of Commerce, the Nett Produce of the Duties last mentioned to be carried to the Account of such Province or Colony respectively.

The Board taking the foregoing Letter and Resolve into Consideration, advised the Governor to lay the same before the assembly at their meeting next Week, accompanied with a Message, and a Member of Council was appointed to prepare a Draught of a Message for that Purpose.

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MEMORANDUM, 1st May, 1775.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and acquainted him that the House had met pursuant to Adjournment,

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and were ready to receive any Business His Honor might be pleased to lay before them. To which The Governor replied, that he would lay some Business before the House shortly.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 1st May, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, Andrew Allen, }

A Member of Council laid before the Board a Draught of a Message to the Assembly, which he had prepared agreeable to an Order of Council of the 28th of April last, which being read and approved, the same was ordered to be fairly transcribed, and carried to the House to-morrow morning, with the Resolution of the House of Commons therein referred to. The said Message follows in these Words, Viz^t:

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you a Resolution entered into by the British House of Commons the 20th of February last, relative to the unhappy Differences subsisting between our Mother Country and her American Colonies. You will perceive by this Resolve, not only a strong Disposition manifested by that August Body, to remove the Causes which have given rise to the discontents and Complaints of His Majesty's Subjects in the Colonies, and the dreadful impending Evils likely to ensue from them; but that they have pointed out the Terms on which they think it just and reasonable a final Accommodation should be grounded.

"Let me most earnestly entreat you, Gentlemen, to weigh and consider this Plan of Reconciliation, held forth and offered by the Parent to her Children, with that Temper, Calmness, and Deliberation, that the Importance of the Subject, and the present critical Situation of Affairs, demand. Give me leave to observe, that the Colonies, amidst all those Complaints which a Jealousy of their Liberties have occasioned, have never denied the Justice or Equity of their contributing towards the Burthens of the Mother Country, to whose Protection and care they not only owe their present opulence, but even their very Existence. On the contrary, every State and Representation of their supposed Grievances, that I have seen, avows the Propriety of such a Measure, and their willingness to comply with it.

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"The Dispute, then, appears to me be brought to this Point: Whether the redress of any Grievances the Colonists have reason to complain of shall precede, or be postponed to the Settlement of that just Proportion which America should bear towards the common Support and Defence of the whole British Empire.

"You have, in the Resolution of the House of Commons, which I have Authority to tell you is entirely approved of by His Majesty, a Solemn Declaration, that an Exemption from any Duty, Tax, or Assessment, present or future, except such duties as may be expedient for the Regulation of Commerce, shall be the immediate Consequence of Proposals on the Part of any of the Colony Legislatures, accepted by His Majesty and the two Houses of Parliament, to make Provision, according to their respective Circumstances, for contributing their Proportion to the common Defence, and the support of the civil Government of each Colony.

"I will not do you so much Injustice, Gentlemen, as to suppose you can desire a better Security for the inviolable performance of this Engagement, than the Resolve itself, and His Majesty's Approbation of it, gives you.

"As you are the first Assembly on the Continent to whom this Resolution has been communicated, much depends on the Moderation and Wisdom of your Councils, and you will be deservedly revered to the latest Posterity, if, by any possible Means, you can be Instrumental in restoring the public Tranquility, and rescuing both Countries from the dreadful Calamities of a Civil War.

"JOHN PENN.

"May the 2d, 1775."

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MEMORANDUM, 4th May, 1775.

A Committee of Assembly this day waited on the Governor, and presented him the following Message, in Answer to His Honor's Message of the second Instant, Viz:

A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

"May it please your Honour:

"We have taken into our serious Consideration your Message of the second Instant, and 'the Resolution of the British House of Commons,' therein referred to.

"Having 'weighed and considered this Plan with the Temper, Calmness, and Deliberation that the Importance of the Subject and the present critical Situation of Affairs demand,' we are sincerely sorry that We cannot 'think the Terms pointed out 'afford' a just and reasonable Ground for a final Accommodation' between Great Britain and the Colonies.

"Your Honor observes, 'that the Colonies amidst all those Complaints, which a jealousy of their Liberties has occasioned, have

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never denied the Justice or Equity of their contributing towards the Burthens of the Mother Country;' but your Honour must know, that they have ever unanimously asserted it as their indisputable Right, that all Aids from them should be their own free and voluntary Gifts, not taken by Force, nor extorted by Fear.

"Under which of these Descriptions 'the Plan held forth and offered by the Parent to her Children,' at this Time, with its attendant Circumstances, deserves to be Classed, we chuse rather to submit to the determination of your Honor's good Sense than to attempt proving by the enumeration of notorious Facts, or the repetition of obvious Reasons.

"If no *other* Objection to the Plan proposed occurred to us, we should esteem it a dishonorable desertion of Sister Colonies, connected by an Union founded on just motives and mutual Faith, and conducted by general Councils, for a single Colony to adopt a Measure so extensive in Consequence without the advice and Consent of those Colonies engaged with us, by solemn Ties, in the same Common Cause.

"For we wish your Honor to be assured that we can form no Prospect appearing reasonable to us, of any lasting advantages for Pennsylvania, however agreeable they may be at the Beginning, but what must arise from a communication of Rights and Prosperity with the other Colonies, and that if such a Prospect should be opened to us, we have too sincere an Affection for our Brethren, and too strict a Regard 'for the inviolable performance of our Engagements' to receive any Pleasure from Benefits equally due to them, yet confined to ourselves, and which, by generously rejecting them at present, may at length be secured to all.

"Your Honor is pleased to observe, 'that as we are the first Assembly on the Continent to whom this Resolution has been communicated, much depends on the Moderation and Wisdom of our Council, and we shall be deservedly revered to the latest Posterity, if, by any possible Means,' we 'can be instrumental in restoring the public Tranquility and rescueing both Countries from the dreadful Calamities of a Civil War.'

"Your Honor, from a long residence and Conversation among us, must be persuaded that the People we represent are as peaceable and Obedient to Government, as true and faithful to their Sovereign, and as affectionate and dutiful to their Parent State, as any in the World, and though we are not inattentive to the Approbation of Posterity, as it might reflect Honor upon our Country, yet higher Motives have taught us upon all Occasions to demonstrate, by every Testimony, our Devotion to our King and Parent State.

"Still animated by the same Principles, and most earnestly desirous of enjoying our former undisturbed State of dependance and subordination, productive of so many Blessings to 'both Countries,' we cannot express the Satisfaction we should receive, 'if by any possible Means, We could be instrumental in restoring the public

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tranquility.' Should such an Opportunity offer, we should endeavour with the utmost Diligence and Zeal to improve it, and to convince His Majesty and our Mother Country that we shall ever be ready and willing with our Lives and Fortunes to support the Interests of His Majesty and that Country, by every Effort that can be reasonably expected from the most loyal Subjects and the most dutiful Colonist.

"Until Divine Providence shall cause, in the Course of His Dispensations, such a happy Period to arrive, we can only deprecate, and if it be possible endeavour by prudence to avoid 'the Calamities of a Civil War;' a dreadful Misfortune indeed! and not to be exceeded but by an utter subversion of the Liberties of America.

"Signed by order of the House.

"JOHN MORTON, Speaker.

"May the 4th, 1775."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 6th May, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, Andrew Allen. }

The Governor laid before the Board two Bills which had been kept under advisement since the last Meeting of the Assembly, and are entituled as follow, vizt:

"An Act for confirming the Estate of Daniel Andrews, in and to certain Lands in Amity Township, in the County of Chester."

"An Act to suppress the holding of Fairs within the City of Philadelphia."

Which being read and considered, were returned to the House by the Secretary, with The Governor's Assent to the first mentioned Bill, and the following Amendments made to the latter, Viz^t:

[The amendments are not here inserted.]

Tuesday 9th May, 1775.

MEMORANDUM.

A Committee of Assembly again waited on the Governor with the Bill for suppressing the holding of Fairs, and acquainted His Honor that the House could not admit his proposed Amendments, and therefore adhered to the Bill.

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Friday May 12th, 1775.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and acquainted him that the House proposed to adjourn to the 19th of June next, to which His Honor made no Objection.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Tuesday 16th May, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Andrew Allen, }

The Governor acquainted the Board that eight Cayuga Indians came to Town on Saturday last from Canasadego, on the Cayuga Branch of Susquehanna, on some Business with this Government, and that he now proposed to hear what they had to say. Whereupon the Board agreed that they should be immediately sent for, and they were accordingly introduced. Their names are as follow, Viz^t:

[The names are not here inserted.]

The Governor then acquainting them that he was ready to hear them, addressing himself to the Governor, first went through some short usual Ceremonies of clearing the Throat and Heart, and opening the Ears, &c^a and then producing a Belt of Wampum, spoke as follows, Viz^t: That three of their Company, who were present as the nearest surviving Relations of the old Seneca Sohaes, who lived for many Years with his Family and Connections on a Tract of Land within the Manor of Conestogo, in Lancaster County; that the old Man with his Family and Relations were several Years ago Murdered there by some wicked Men belonging to this Government; and that the said Tract of Land, containing about 500 Acres, now became the Property of his three Relations present, one of whom is Sohae's Brother; that they had come down at this time to see their Brother Onas, and to make Sale of the said Land to him; That the Land is very rich, and worth a great deal of Money, but as their Brother Onas was himself well acquainted with its value, they desired he would purchase it from them for such a price as he thought reasonable, and they would be entirely satisfied. He then delivered the Belt of Wampum to the Governor, and told him that he had finished what he had to say.

The Governor thereupon acquainted the Indians that he and his Council would take their Speech into Consideration, and give them an answer on Thursday morning.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday, 18th May, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Junr.	

The eight Cayuga Indians being sent for, attended at the Board in order to receive the Governor's Answer to their Speech on tuesday last, which the Governor in part delivered to them; but as it appeared to the Board that the Indians did not clearly and fully comprehend his meaning, the Person who undertook to them not being sufficiently acquainted with their Language, and the Indians expressing great Dissatisfaction on being informed that this Land had already been purchased and paid for, it was agreed that Isaac Still, a Delaware Indian Interpreter, should be immediately sent for, to interpret the Governor's answer to the Indians in Council, on Saturday morning next.

The Records of the Conviction of Andrew Stewart and John McAllister, for Counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Province, and of Samuel Short, for Felony and Burglary, at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer and general Gaol delivery; held at Philadelphia, on the tenth day of April last, before Benjamin Chew, Thomas Willing and John Morton Esquires, were laid before the Board and considered, and there being no circumstances the least favourable in the Case of either of the said Criminals reported to the Governor by the Judges of the said Court, it was the opinion of the Board that the Sentence of the Court against them should be executed on Saturday the third day of June next, and Warrants for that Purpose were ordered to be issued accordingly.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 20th May, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
James Tilghman,	Edward Shippen, Junr.	

The eight Cayuga Indians, by desire of the Governor, again attended the Board, with the Indian Interpreter Isaac Still, and having taken their seats, the Speaker repeated over the speech he had delivered to the Governor on Tuesday last, which was the same in substance as entered on the minutes of that Day, and the Governor returned them his Answer, which was fully explained to them by Isaac Still, and is as follows, Vizt:

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"Brethren:

"The Tract of Land you mention, consisting of 500 Acres, part of the Conestogo Manor, where old Sohaes dwelt, was included in a purchase long since made from the Indians, notwithstanding which, I agree that Sohaes and his Family had the Proprietaries permission to live thereon as long as they chose to remain in the inhabited Part of the Country. Some time after the Death of Sohaes, and all his Family that resided there in the year 1768, there was a Treaty held at Fort Stanwix, to which I was invited by Sir William Johnson, in order to treat with the Indians, concerning the Purchase of a large Tract of Land, part of which lay in the King's Governments and part in the Province of Pennsylvania; At this Treaty the last great Indian purchase was made, for which I then paid the Indians ten thousand Dollars. But before The Treaty was finished, Sir William Johnson informed me that the Indians expected to be paid for the 500 acres of Land, part of the Conestogo Manor, where Sohaes dwelt; I accordingly agreed to pay them for it. The Price agreed on was two hundred Pounds, York Money, or five hundred dollars, the Value of which was then delivered in Goods to Togaiaio, the Cayuga Chief, to be distributed as he thought proper, and the Deed I now shew you, for the land I bought of the Indians at that Treaty, signed by the Chiefs of the Six Nations, expressly includes this five hundred acres of Land.

"Having, therefore, already purchased the Land twice, it cannot reasonably be expected that I should pay for it again. However, as you have come from a great Distance, under an Expectation of selling this Land, and perhaps did not receive so great a Proportion of the Goods I delivered at Fort Stanwix, as should have been paid to the Relations of Sohaes, and to shew you the Desire I have to preserve Peace and Friendship with the Indians, and that when they pay me a visit they should not go away dissatisfied; I am willing to make you a Present, which I hope you will think a generous one; I, therefore, desire you will accept of these three hundred Dollars.

A Belt.

The Indians, accordingly, very gladly accepted the three hundred Dollars, and signed a Receipt for the same on the back of the Deed executed at Fort Stanwix, expressing it to be in full Satisfaction of all claims of Sohaes's Family to the said five hundred Acres of Land.

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MEMORANDUM, 27th May, 1775.

A certain John M'Allister, who was confined under Sentence of Death in the Gaol of Philadelphia County, for uttering and passing counterfeit Bills of Credit, of this Province, having lately made his Escape from the said Gaol, the Governor was pleased, with the

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Advice of the Council, to issue the following Proclamation, offering a Reward of £200 for apprehending him, Viz^t:

"*By the Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, a certain John M'Allister, a young Man about eighteen or nineteen years of age, five feet eight or nine Inches high, round shouldered, bow legged, a little pitted with the small Pox, and wears his own hair, who was confined in the Public Gaol of the City and County of Philadelphia, under sentence of Death, for uttering and passing counterfeit Bills of Credit of this Province, knowing the same to be counterfeited, hath lately made his Escape from the said Gaol, and it is highly expedient for the discouragement of such pernicious and atrocious Crimes, that the said John M'Allister should be brought to condign and exemplary Punishment, I have, therefore, thought fit, with the advice of the Council, to issue this my Proclamation, hereby promising and engageing that the Public Reward of Two hundred Pounds shall be paid to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend the said John M'Allister, and safely deliver him to the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, in the Gaol aforesaid: And I do hereby strictly charge, enjoin, and require all Judges, Justices, Sheriff's, Constables, and all other Officers, Civil and Military, and all other His Majesty's liege Subjects within my Government, to make diligent Search and enquiry after the said John M'Allister, and to use their utmost Endeavours to apprehend and secure him, so that he may be brought to Justice.

"*Given* under my Hand, and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the twenty-seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, and in the fifteenth year of His Majesty's Reign.

"JOHN PENN.

"By His Honor's Command,
"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junr, Secretary.
"GOD SAVE THE KING."

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MEMORANDUM, June 2d, 1775.

The Governor was this day pleased with the advice of the Council, to issue a Pardon for Samuel Short, who was confined under Sentence of Death in the Gaol of Philadelphia County, for Felony and Burglary.

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MEMORANDUM, 20th June, 1775.

A Committee of two Members of the Assembly waited on the Governor and acquainted him that a Quorum of the Representatives had met pursuant to adjournment, and were ready to receive any Business his Honor might have to lay before them; to which the Governor replied, that he had no Business at present to lay before the House.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Monday 26th June, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

James Hamilton, James Tilghman, Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, jun^r. } Esquires.

The Governor laid before the Board a Bill for the support of the Government of this Province and payment of the Public Debts, which being read, the Governor sent a Verbal Message to the House by the Secretary, requesting them to furnish him with a List of the Draughts and Certificates intended to be discharged by the said Bill, which was then referred to further Consideration.

The Governor also laid before the Board three other Bills for their Consideration, sent up by the Assembly for his Concurrence, entituled

"An Act to amend the Act entituled 'A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act for confirming the Estate of William Scott in and to certain Lands in the Township of Strasburg and County of Lancaster."

"An Act for confirming the Estate of the Heirs and Representatives of John Taylor, late of the County of Chester, Practitioner in Physick, deceased, in a certain Tract of Land situate in the Township of Bradford, in the said County."

Which Bills, being severally read and considered, were ordered to be returned to the Assembly by the Secretary, with a Verbal Message that the Governor gave his Assent to the first, that he could not agree to pass the second into a Law, and with one small Amendment to the third.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 28th June, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

James Hamilton, James Tilghman, } Esq^rs
Richard Peters, Edward Shippen, jun^r. }

The Governor having received Yesterday from the Assembly, by two Members, a List of the Draughts and Certificates proposed to be discharged by the Bill for the support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the Public Debts, laid the same before the Board, which was read and follows in these Words, vizt:

Lists of Certificates:

	£	s	d
To the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, - - -	500	0	0
To John Reed, - - - - - - - -	15	1	6
To Arthur Donaldson, - - - - - - -	100	0	0
To John Reed for his Map, - - - - - -	25	0	0
To Richard Mason, - - - - - - -	16	7	6
To John Montgomery, Esquire, Expences for defence of the Frontiers, - - - - - - - -	6,000	0	0
To William Thompson, Esquire, ditto, - - -	759	1	7½
To ditto for ditto Balance of his Acco^t, -	60	0	0
To Joseph Shippen, Esquire, Secretary, - - -	100	0	0
To William Dewees, Sheriff, his Acco^t, - - -	16	9	0
To John Palmer, his Acco^t, - - - - - -	8	7	7
To a Committee of the House for their Account of Disbursements for the Province, - - - -	5,000	0	0
To Joseph Galloway, Esq'r., for his Certificate the last Year, - - - - - - - - - -	75	0	0

The Board then resumed the Consideration of the above mentioned Bill, and being of Opinion that it would not be expedient at this Time to pass it into a Law, the Governor, by their Advice, returned it to the Assembly by the Secretary, with the following Message, which was drawn up at the Table, Viz't.:

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

"Gentlemen:

"It being unusual to make Provision for the discharge of the Orders drawn for the payment of the Public Debts before the end of the Year, at which Time there may probably be a sum sufficient for that purpose in the Treasury, arising from the Funds heretofore provided, I cannot think it proper to give my Consent to the Bill entituled:

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"An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and payment of the Public Debts."

"JOHN PENN.

"June 28th, 1775."

Thursday, 29th June, 1775.

MEMORANDUM.

Two Members of Assembly waited on the Governor with a verbal Message from the House, desiring his Honor would inform them at what Time he would meet the House, in order to enact into Laws the Bills to which he had given his Assent; to which the Governor replied, he would be in the Council Chamber at twelve o'Clock for that Purpose.

Council Chamber, 29th June, 1775, 12 O'Clock.

The Governor being in the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, to acquaint them that he required their Attendance there, in order to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he had given his Assent. The whole House immediately attended, and the Speaker presented to the Governor the following Bills, which His Honor enacted into Laws, and signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal to them. The Laws were afterwards Sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office, and are entituled as follow, Viz't.:

"An Act to amend an Act entituled 'A Supplement to the Act entituled 'An Act entituled 'An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.'"

"An Act for confirming the Estate of Daniel Andrew in and to certain Lands in Amity Township, in the County of Berks."

"An Act for confirming the Estate of the Heirs and Representatives of John Taylor, late of the County of Chester, Practitioner in Physick, deceased, in a certain Tract of Land in the Township of Bradford, in the said County."

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 29th July, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, jun^r.	
James Tilghman,		

The Governor laid before the Board a Petition from Monsr. Dominique Du Casse, Commander of the Schooner Mary, belonging to

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the Inhabitants of Martinico, which was read, and follows in these Words, Viz^t:

"*To the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and three lower Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware.*

"*The Petition of Dominique Du Casse, Master of the Schooner Mary, belonging to Martinico, now in the Port of Philadelphia, Humbly Sheweth:*

"That on or about the Sixteenth day of June last, your Petitioner sailed from the Island of Martinico, bound on a Voyage to Miquilan. That in Prosecution of the said Voyage he met with very hard and severe Gales of Wind, attended with very great and heavy Seas, in which the said Schooner, thro' Violent Straining, was rendered very leaky, and made it impossible for him to proceed on the said Voyage, and your Petitioner was under the necessity of coming into this Port of Philadelphia, in order to repair his said Vessel, the Particulars of all which appears by your Petitioners Protest, duly made since his arrival here, herewith exhibited to your Honor. He therefore prays your Honour to permit him to repair the said Schooner, and sail from this Port of Philadelphia in prosecution of his said intended Voyage, And Your Petitioner, as in Duty bound, will ever pray, &c^a.

"DOMINIQUE DU CASSE.

"PHILADELPHIA, July 12th, 1775."

At the same Time was laid before the Board the Captain's Protest referred to in the above Petition, and the Board taking the said Petition and Protest into Consideration, and finding upon due Examination and Enquiry, that the Facts set forth in them are true, *It is Ordered* that the said schooner be examined, and the necessary Repairs made on her, and that She be then permitted to prosecute her intended Voyage, provided that she takes on board no Goods, Wares, or Merchandize whatsoever. Messieurs Merediths and Clymer are appointed to inspect the repairing of the said Schooner, and to transact the Business relating to her as Factors or Agents for the Master, during his continuance in this Port.

It being judged necessary to make an Addition to the Magistracy of Northumberland County, the Governor was this day pleased to issue a special Commission, appointing the following Gentlemen Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Northumberland, vizt:

Samuel Maclay,	Evan Owen,
John Simpson,	John Weitzell,
Robert Robb,	Henry Antes.

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MEMORANDUM, 8th August, 1775.

The Governor was this Day pleased, upon the Recommendation of one of the members of Council, to issue a special Commission, appointing John Clarke, Esquire, a Justice of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the County of Bucks.

MEMORANDUM, at New Castle, Saturday 2d September, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Benjamin Chew, James Tilghman, } Esquires, Members of Council.

The Assembly having met on the 21st of August, pursuant to adjournment, proceeded to Business, and during their sitting presented to the Governor for his Concurrence, four Bills entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"An Act for continuance of a former Act entituled 'A Supplementary Act to an Act entituled An Act for regulating Elections, and ascertaining the Number of Members of Assembly'"

"An Act for the more effectual ascertaining and fixing the limits of the several Counties within this Government, and for remedying some Inconveniences that may arise by the late Establishment of the Boundaries and Divisional Lines between the same and Maryland."

"A Supplement to an Act entituled 'An Act to enable the owners and Possessors of several Tracts of Meadow Marsh and Cripple on Augustine Creek and Silver Run, in New Castle County, to make and keep the Banks, Dams, Canals, and Sluices in Repair, and to raise a Fund to defray the Expence accruing thereon.'"

"An Act for emitting the Sum of thirty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts."

The said Bills were duly read and considered, and returned to the House by the Secretary, with a Verbal Message that the Governor gave his Assent to the three first mentioned, and with the following Amendments made to the Bill for emitting £30,000 in Bills of Credit on Loan, &c^a Viz^t:

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Page 13, Line 2. After the Word [the] insert the Words [Governor and].

Same Page, Line 3. After the Word [appoint] insert the Words [and not otherwise].

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The Assembly thereupon held a Conference with the Governor, and mentioned their Objections to the Amendments; but after hearing His Honor's Reasons for not agreeing to the Bills, without having a Participation in the Disposition of the Interest Money to arise from the Money emitted on Loan, the House thought proper to accede to the proposed amendment.

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Eodem Die, P. M.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Message from the House, requesting to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the House in order to pass the Bills. His Honor having answered that he was ready to receive the House immediately at his Lodgings, they accordingly attended there, and the Speaker presented the four Bills agreed on, which the Governor enacted into Laws, signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal thereto, and directed the Secretary to accompany two Members of Assembly to see them Sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office.

The Speaker, then, in behalf of the House, thanked the Governor for his Care and Diligence in attending the Business of the Government, and delivered him Orders on the Trustees of the Loan Office for £105, for which The Governor returned the House his thankful Acknowledgments.

The Governor having taken into Consideration the State of the General Commission of the Peace for Sussex County, and finding it necessary to make some addition thereto, His Honor was this Day pleased to issue a special Commission, appointing the following Gentlemen Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Sussex, Viz^{t}:

Job Ingram,	Jeremiah Cannon,	Esquires.
Joshua Hill,	Daniel Dingee,	
John Laws,	Luke Shield, Junr.	
Isaac Horsey,		

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MEMORANDUM, 20th September, 1775.

A Committee of two Members of the Assembly waited on the Governor, and acquainted him that a Quorum of the Representatives had met pursuant to adjournment, and were ready to receive any Business his Honor might have to lay before them. To which the Governor replied that he had no Business at present to lay before the House.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 21st September, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan,	Andrew Allen,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Jun.	
James Tilghman,		

The Governor laid before the Board a Transcript of the Record of a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at Chester, for the County of Chester, by which it appears that James Willis was convicted of Felony and Murder, committed on the Body of a certain Daniel Culin, and had received Sentence of Death for the same; and the Judges of the said Court having reported no Circumstances in favor of the Criminal, it was the Opinion of the Board that the Sentence of the Court should be executed upon him on Saturday the thirtieth of September Instant, and the Governor issued a Warrant for that Purpose accordingly.

The Governor having received Imformation from the Prothonotary of Bedford County, that a Man is confined in the Gaol of that County for the murder of his Master's Child, and that as the Gaol is very insecure, it is apprehended he may make his Escape before it may be convenient for the Judges to go up to try him, The Board advised the Governor to appoint special Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer for that Purpose; and the Governor accordingly issued a special Commission of Oyer and Terminer, directed to Arthur St. Clair, Bernard Dougherty, and George Woods, Esquires, to hold a Court at Bedford, for the trial of the said Criminal.

The Governor, by the Advice of the Board, also directed a Commission to be made out, Re-appointing Thomas Willing, Esquire, third Justice of the Supream Court of this Province.

At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Wednesday 27th September, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters,	James Tilghman,	Esquires.
Benjamin Chew,	Edward Shippen, Junr.	

The Governor laid before the Board a Bill for the support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the Public Debts, which being read, The Governor sent a Verbal Message to the House by the Secretary, requesting them to furnish him with a List of the Draughts and Certificates intended to be discharged by the said Bill, which was referred to further Consideration.

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Saturday 30th September, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

Richard Peters, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, jun^r. }

A Committee of Assembly having yesterday brought up to the Governor a List of the Certificates and Incidental Expences of Government, intended to be discharged by the Bill for the Support of the Government and payment of the Public Debts, and being read over, it follows in these words, Viz^t.:

Incidental Expences for the Year, 1775.

To the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Governor and Commander, &c^a.	£1,000	0	0
To the Honorable John Penn, Esq'r, for sundries Bala. of his Acco't,	35	11	11
To Benjamin Franklin, Esq'r, Agent for this Province in London, Stg.,	266	13	4
To Benjamin Chew, Esq'r, Chief Justice of this Province,	400	0	0
To John Lawrence, Esq'r, one of the Assistant Judges,	200	0	0
To Thomas Willing, Esq'r, do. for part of the Year,	200	0	0
To John Morton, Esq'r, one of the Assistant Judges,	200	0	0
To Andrew Allen, Esq'r, his Salary as Attorney General,	75	0	0
To Thomas Mifflin, Esq'r, for Service on Committee of Acco'ts, 1 day,		10	0
To Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, for his Service on Com'ee of Accounts, 21 days at 10s per Diem,	10	10	0
To Isaac Pearson, Esq'r, for ditto, 21 Days,	10	10	0
To George Gray, Esq'r, for ditto, 21 Days,	10	10	0
To Benjamin Chapman, Esq'r, for ditto 18 Days,	9	0	0
To Samuel Rhoads, Esq'r, for ditto, 5 Days,	2	10	0
To Charles Moore, Esq'r, for his Attendance as Clerk of the House, and for transcribing and engrossing Laws, &c^a.	0	0	0
To Abel James, for his Services as Assistant Clerk,	30	0	0
To Joseph Shippen, Esq'r, his Salary as Clerk of the Council,	30	0	0
To Do. for his Acco't of Postage of Letters in public Affairs,	12	14	4½
To Do. for Stationary for the use of the Gov'r Proclamations, &c^a.	18	3	0

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To Edward Duffield, for his Care of the State House Clock for six months,	10	0	0
To David Rittenhouse, for do. do.	10	0	0
To Joseph Fox, Esq'r, his Salary as Barrack Master,	20	0	0
To Do. as ℔ Acco't	3	0	9
To William Bowsman, his Salary as do. for Lancaster,	7	0	0
To Do. as ℔ Acco't,	3	9	0
To Edmund Physick, Esq'r, as Keeper of the Great Seal,	12	6	0
To William Parr, Esq'r, as Master of the Rolls, ℔ Acco't,	0	0	0
To Messrs. Hall & Sellers, for printing Laws, Proclamations, &c^a, as ℔ Acco't,	124	1	0
To the Estate of David Hall, late Deceased,	7	17	0
To William Sheed, Serjeant-at-Arms, for his Services to the House	10	0	0
To Do. as Door keeper to the Council, 30 times @ 2s. 6,	3	15	0
To And'w M'Nair, for his Attendance as Doorkeeper to the House, & Disburs'ts,	25	9	7
To Henry Miller for printing Votes, &c^a, as ℔ Account	317	12	6
To Hugh & George Roberts, as p'r Acco't,	2	2	8
To Israel Pemberton, his Acco't for Indian Expences,	10	10	9
To the Committee appointed to view the River Schuylkill, 20 Days @ 8s. p'r Diem, & Expences,	9	0	0
To Joseph Ogden, as ℔ Acco't for Committee for viewing Schuylkill,	1	0	5
To Samuel Taylor, for Bookbinding,	50	12	0
To Jacob Myers, for Draughts of Bridges, &c^a,	15	0	0
To the Overseers of the Poor of Philad'a for the Neutrals,	100	0	0
To Arthur Donaldson, for a Machine for cleaning Docks, &c^a,	100	0	0
To John Reed, for his Map of the City & Liberties of Philad'a,	25	0	0
To Richard Mason, for unspiking Cannon,	16	7	6
To William Thompson, Esq'r, for the Payment of the Troops employed by Government for defending the Frontiers,	759	1	7½
To Do. for his Service as Paymaster, &c^a,	60	0	0
To William Dewees, Esquire, as ℔ Acco't,	16	9	0
To John Palmers, Acco't for Expences for the Commissioners appointed to view the River Schuylkill,	8	7	7
To Caleb Parry, for ditto,	4	1	0
To Shutes' Acco't for repairing the State House,	34	15	4½
To John Reed, as ℔ Acco't,	15	1	6
To George and Hugh Roberts, as ℔ Acco't,	4	17	9

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To John Morton, Esq'r, for Postage of Letters, - -		7	6
To Thomas Dewees, for apprehending Andrew Stewart,	30	0	0
To the Committee of Assembly appointed to settle the Acco't for raising and paying the Rangers, &c^a. -	20	0	0
To Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, for Extra Services, -	75	0	0
To Joseph Galloway, Esq'r, for his Certificate of last year, not paid, - - - - - - - -	75	0	0
To the Honorable John Penn, Esq'r, for Indian Expences, - - - - - - - - - -	100	0	0

The Board then resumed the Consideration of the Bill for the Support of the Government and payment of the public Debts, and there appearing no Objection to it, The Governor returned it to the Assembly by the Secretary with his Assent.

Two Members of Assembly immediately afterwards waited on the Governor, and requested to know at what Time His Honor would be pleased to receive the House, in order to pass the Bill which had received his Assent; to which the Governor answered, that he would be in the Council Chamber in a Quarter of an Hour for that purpose.

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Eodem die, 12 o'Clock.

The Governor being in the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, to acquaint them that he required their Attendance there, in order to enact into a Law the Bill to which he had given his Assent. The whole House immediately attended, and the Speaker presented to the Governor the following Bill, which His Honor enacted into a Law, and signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal thereto. The Law was afterwards sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office, and is entituled as follows, Viz^t:

"An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the Public Debts."

The Speaker then, in behalf of the House, presented the Governor with a Certificate for five hundred Pounds towards his Support, for which His Honor returned the House his Thanks.

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MEMORANDUM, 5th October, 1775.

The Secretary having, by the Governor's Direction, prepared a Draft of a Proclamation, offering a Reward of fifty Pounds for apprehending and securing in some Gaol of this Province a certain Fleming Elliot, who stands charged with the Murder of John Faughnar, late of Chester County, Pedlar, pursuant to a Resolve of the House of the 30th of September last, requesting His Honor to

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issue one for that Purpose, the Governor this day issued the same accordingly, and ordered it to be published in the several News Papers. The said Proclamation follows in these words, vizt:

"*By the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex on Delaware:*

"A PROCLAMATION.

"WHEREAS, I have received Information that on the Sixteenth day of last Month, a certain John Faughnar was robbed and inhumanly murdered on the Highway near the Red Lion, in Uwchland Township, in Chester County; *And Whereas*, a certain Fleming Elliot stands charged on Oath, with the perpetration of the said Robbery and Murder, and it is necessary for the safety and well being of His Majesty's Subjects, that the authors of such atrocious and inhuman Crimes should be brought to condign and exemplary punishment, *I have* thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council, to issue this, my Proclamation, hereby strictly enjoining and requiring all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables, and other Officers, as well as all other His Majesty's Subjects within this Province, to make diligent Search and enquiry after the said Fleming Elliot, and to use all possible Means for apprehending and securing him, that he may be proceeded against according to Law.

"*And I do* hereby promise and engage that the Public Reward of *Fifty Pounds* shall be paid to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend and secure the said Fleming Elliot in one of His Majesty's Gaols of this Province, so that he be prosecuted to Conviction.

"*Given* under my Hand and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the fifth day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, and in the fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

"JOHN PENN.

"By His Honour's Command.

"JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Junr Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING."

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At a Council held at Philadelphia, on Thursday 5th October, 1775.

PRESENT:

The Honorable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Governor.

William Logan, James Tilghman, } Esquires.
Benjamin Chew, Edward Shippen, jun^r.

The Returns of Sheriffs and Coroners for the Counties of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks, Berks, and New Castle, being made, were laid before the Board and duly considered, and the following Persons were Commissionated as Sheriffs and Coroners for their respective Counties, Viz^t:

Names of Counties.	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriffs' Sureties.
City & County of Philadelphia.	Sheriff,	William Dewees,	Robert Shannon, Joseph Potts, William Coates.
	Coroner,	Robert Jewell.	
Chester.	Sheriff,	Nathaniel Vernon,	Robert Pennell, Nicholas Fairlamb.
	Coroner,	Joh Bryan,	
Bucks.	Sheriff,	Samuel Biles,	Gilbert Hicks, Amos Strickland.
	Coroner,	George Fell,	
Berks.	Sheriff,	Henry Vanderslice,	Adam Whitman, John Bishop.
	Coroner,	Peter Brecht,	
New Castle.	Sheriff,	John Clarke,	
	Coroner,	Joseph Stedham.	

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MEMORANDUM, October 6th, 1775.

The Returns of Sheriffs and Coroners for the Counties of Lancaster, Northampton, and Kent, being made, the Governor appointed and commissionated the following Persons as Sheriffs and Coroners for their respective Counties, Viz^t:

Names of Counties.	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriffs' Sureties.
Lancaster,	Sheriff,	John Ferree,	Isaac Ferree, Peter Ferree.
	Coroner,	Samuel Boyd,	
Northampton,	Sheriff,	Henry Fullert,	Peter Kachlein, Harman Schnyder.
	Coroner,	Jonas Hartzell,	
Kent,	Sheriff,	Philip Barret,	
	Coroner,	Jonathan Sipple.	

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MEMORANDUM, 9th of October, 1775.

The Returns of Sheriffs and Coroners for the County of Cumberland being now made, the Governor was pleased to commissionate the following Persons as Sheriff and Coroner of the said County, Viz^{t}:

	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriffs' Sureties.
Cumberland County.	Sheriff,	Robert Semple,	Robert Gibson,
	Coroner,	James Pollock,	William Moore.

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MEMORANDUM, 10th October, 1775.

The Return of Sheriffs and Coroners for York County being now made, the Governor was this Day pleased to Commissionate the following Persons as Sheriff and Coroner for that County, Viz^{t}:

	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriffs' Sureties.
York County,	Sheriff,	Charles Lukens,	James Dill,
	Coroner,	Joseph Adlem,	James Rankin.

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MEMORANDUM, 12fth of October, 1775.

The Governor was this day pleased to commissionate the following Persons as Sheriffs and Coroners of their respective Counties, Viz^{t}:

Names of Counties.	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriffs' Sureties.
Bedford.	Sheriff,	James Piper,	B. Dougherty, Es^{qr}
	Coroner,	John Stilwell,	John Piper, Esqr
Northumberland,	Sheriff,	William Scull,	William Plunket,
	Coroner,	Samuel Harris,	Samuel Hunter.
Sussex,	Sheriff,	Dorman Lofland,	
	Coroner,	Samuel Draper,	

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Council Chamber, October 17th, 1775.

A Committee of the Assembly waited on the Governor yesterday, and acquainted him that pursuant to the Charter and Laws of the Province, a Quorum of the Representatives had met, and proceeded to chuse their Speaker, and desired to know when and where

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the Governor would be pleased to receive the House, that he might be presented for his Honor's Approbation. The Governor having appointed this day at ten o'Clock for that purpose, acquainted the House by the Secretary that he attended his Appointment in the Council Chamber, and was ready to receive the House with their Speaker.

The whole House waited on the Governor and presented John Morton, Esquire, as their Speaker, who, after receiving the Governor's Approbation, claimed the usual Priviledges in the Name and behalf of the House, to which the Governor replied that "they were the undoubted Rights and Priviledges of the House, in which they might rely on his Protection," and then the House withdrew.

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New Castle, Monday 23d October, 1775.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Message from the House, acquainting him that they had met pursuant to the Charter and Laws of the Government, and had chosen their Speaker, and desired to know when and where they should wait on his Honor, to present him. The Governor having answered that he should be ready to receive the House at Mrs. Clay's, they accordingly attended there, and presented Cœsar Rodney, Esquire, as their Speaker, who being approved by the Governor, claimed the usual Priviledges, which were allowed, and then they withdrew.

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Eodem die.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor and acquainted him the House were duly qualified, and were ready to receive any Business His Honor might have to lay before them; to which the Governor replied, he had nothing at present to recommend to them, but that if any thing should occur he would recommend the same to the House by a Message.

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Saturday, 28th October, 1775.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor, and presented for his Concurrence two Bills, entituled as follow, Viz^{t}:

"An Act for the relief of John Wallace, a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of New Castle County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person."

"A Supplementary Act to the act entituled 'An Act for the more effectual ascertaining and fixing the Limits of the several

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Counties within this Government, and for removing some Inconveniences that may arise by the late Establishment of the Boundaries and Divisional Lines between the same and Maryland.'" The said Bills were read and duly considered, and returned to the House by the Secretary, with a Verbal Message that the Governor gave his assent to them.

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Eodem die, P. M.

A Committee of Assembly waited on the Governor with a Verbal Message from the House, requesting to know when and where he would be pleased to receive the House, in order to pass the Bills to which he had given his Assent. His Honor having answered that he should be ready to receive the House immediately at his Lodgings, the whole house accordingly attended there, and the Speaker presented the two Bills above mentioned, which the Governor enacted into Laws, signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal thereto, and directed the Secretary to accompany two Members of Assembly to see them Sealed and deposited in the Rolls office.

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"PHILADELPHIA, 28th October, 1775.

The Return of Sheriffs and Coroners for the County of Westmoreland being now made. The Governor was pleased to commissionate the following Persons as Sheriff and Coroner for the said County, Viz^t:

	Offices.	Names of Officers.	Sheriff Sureties.
Westmoreland County,	Sheriff,	John Carnaghan,	Joseph Beeler,
	Coroner,	Francis Waddle,	John M'Clellan,

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MEMORANDUM, 22d November, 1775.

The Assembly having yesterday sent up to the Governor for his Concurrence, A Bill entituled "An Act for the relief of Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, George Jacob Hausman, Richard Ray, and Francis Owens, languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of Philadelphia County, and James Mackey, a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Northumberland County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons," and the same being duly considered, was returned to the

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House by the Secretary, with a verbal Message that His Honor would be ready to pass the same into a law, when presented to him for that Purpose.

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Eodem die.

A Committee of the Assembly waited on the Governor with a verbal Message from the House, requesting to know when His Honor would be pleased to receive the House, in order to pass the Bill to which he had given his Assent; to which the Governor replied, that he would be in the Council Chamber to-morrow morning at ten o'Clock for that Purpose.

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Council Chamber, 23d November, 1775, 10 o'Clock, A. M.

The Governor being in the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the Assembly by the Secretary, to acquaint them that he required their Attendance there, in order to enact into a Law the Bill to which he had given his Assent. The whole House immediately attended, and the Speaker presented to the Governor the following Bill, which His Honor enacted into a Law, signed a Warrant for affixing the Great Seal thereto, and appointed the Secretary to accompany two Members of Assembly to see the same Sealed and deposited in the Rolls Office, Viz^{t}:

"An Act for the relief of Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, George Jacob Hausman, Richard Ray, and Francis Owens, languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of Philadelphia County, and James Mackey, a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of Northumberland County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons."

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MEMORANDUM, 25th November, 1775.

A Committee of two Members of Assembly, by Order of the House, waited on the Governor with a Letter addressed to their Speaker from Samuel Hunter and John Weitzell, Esquires, and William Scull, Esquire, Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, dated Sunbury, the 20th Instant, acquainting the House that two of the Magistrates and the Sheriff of the said County had lately had an Interview with Zebulon Butler and some others of the principal Men among the Connecticut Settlers at Wyoming, had read the late Resolves of the Assembly to them, and enquired whether they would peaceably submit themselves to the Laws of Pennsyl-

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vania; to which they answered, they despised the Laws of that Province, and never would submit to them unless compelled by Force, and that if the Government of this Province thought it advisable to use such means with them, they should be ready to meet them at any Hour they pleased; That the said Magistrates and Sheriff, having received a great deal of threatning and abusive Language from the common People, returned home by another Way, apprehending that if they came back the same Road they had gone up, it must be with great Risque to their Lives. The Committee, at the same Time, delivered a Verbal Message from the Assembly to the Governor, requesting His Honor will be pleased to give Orders for a due Execution of the Laws of this Province in the Counties of Northumberland and Northampton. Whereupon the Governor immediately wrote the following Letter to the Magistrates of Northumberland County, and a similar one to those of Northampton County, which follows in these Words, Viz^t:

"PHILADELPHIA, 25th November, 1775.

"Gentlemen:

"I have just now received a Message from the Assembly, founded on a Letter addressed to them from the County of Northumberland, respecting the Connecticut Settlers at Wyoming, requesting me to give Orders for a due Execution of the Laws of this Province in the Counties of Northumberland and Northampton. In consequence thereof, I do most chearfully order you to use your utmost Diligence and Activity, in putting the Laws of this Province in Execution throughout the County of Northumberland, and you may depend on the Faith of the House and my Concurrence with them, that every proper and necessary Expence that may be incurred on the Occasion will be defrayed.

"I am Gentlemen,

"Your most Obedient,

"Humble Servant,

"JOHN PENN.

"To William Plunket, Esqr & his Associates, Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland."

The above mentioned Committee also acquainted the Governor that the House had agreed to adjourn to Monday the twelfth day of February next, if he had no objection thereto, to which His Honor replied that he had none.

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MEMORANDUM, 9th December, 1775.

The Governor was this Day pleased, on the Recommendation of some of the Magistrates of New Castle County, to issue a Special Commission, appointing John Thompson and Abraham Robinson,

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Esquires, Justices of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the said County of New Castle.

The Governor having received Information that a Commission is wanted in the County of New Castle, for the trial of negroes, as Evan Rice, Esquire, one of the Gentlemen named in the last Negroe Commission for that County has been some time dead, His Honor was this Day pleased to issue one, appointing John Jones and David Finney, Esquires, Justices for holding Courts in that County for the Trial of Negroe and Mulatto Slaves, according to Law.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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*MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

IN ASSEMBLY.

June 30th, 1775.

Philadelphia, ss:

1. *Resolved*, That this House approves the Association entered into by the good People of this colony for the Defence of their Lives, Liberties, and Property.

2. *Resolved*, That if any Invasion or Landing of British Troops, or others, shall be made in this or the adjacent Colonies, during the present controversy, or any Armed Ships or Vessels shall sail up the River Delaware in an Hostile manner, and such Circumstances shall render it expedient, in the Judgment of the Committee hereafter to be appointed, for any number of the Officers and Private Men of the Association within this Colony, to enter into actual Service for repelling such Hostile attempts, this House will provide for the pay and necessary Expences of such Officers and Soldiers performing such military Duty while in such actual Service.

3. *Resolved*, That the Pay of the Officers and Privates while in such actual Service, shall not exceed that of the Army raised by the Congress of the United Colonies for the Defence of the Liberties of America.

4. *Resolved*, That this House do earnestly recommend to the said Board of Commissioners and Assessors of the City and County of Philadelphia, and of each County in this Province, that have not already made the Provision hereinafter mention'd, and they are hereby enjoined, as they regard the Freedom, Welfare, & Safety of their Country, immediately to provide a proper number of good, new Firelocks, with Bayonets fitted to them; Cartridge Boxes, with twenty three Rounds of Cartridge in every Box, and Knapsacks, not less than 1500 of each article for the City and County of Philadelphia; 300 for the County of Bucks; 500 for the County of Chester; 600 for the County of Lancaster; 300 for the County of York; 300 for the County of Cumberland; 400 for the County of Berks; 300 for the County of Northampton; 100 for the County of Bedford; 100 for the County of Northumberland; & 100 for the County of Westmoreland; to be under the care of the Commanding Officers of the Battalions of the said Counties, for the immediate use of such Officers and Soldiers as shall be drafted from the Battalions from time to time, for actual service. And the said Commissioners and Assessors shall produce their Accounts for furnishing the arms and accoutrements aforesaid to the Committee hereinafter appointed,

* NOTE.—See votes of Assembly, Vol. VI., page 593.

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which being approved of by the said Committee, they shall draw Orders on the Treasurer for the payment thereof; And he is hereby enjoined to pay the same out of the Bills of Credit to be emitted by the resolution of this House.

5. *Resolved*, That this House do earnestly recommend to, and enjoin the Officers and Committees of each County in this Province, to select a Number of Minute Men, equal to the Arms, &c., provided for the same, to be in readiness upon the shortest notice, to March to any Quarter in case of emergency.

6. *Resolved*, That the Firelocks to be provided as aforesaid, be of one Bore, with Steel Rammers, well fitted to the same, and that Patterns of the said Firelocks, Rammers and Bayonets, be immediately made in the city of Philadelphia, and sent to the different Counties.

7. *Resolved*, That Provision be made for defending this Province, and the City in particular, against the Attacks of Armed Vessels that may be sent to annoy them.

And Whereas, the safety of a country greatly depends on having within itself the Means of Defence, and it appears that sufficient quantities of Salt Petre may be collected, not only for Defence, but for other Purposes:

8. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds be paid for every hundred weight of good merchantable Salt Petre that shall be made and manufactured within this Province, and delivered to the Committee hereinafter named, within the space of three Months from this time, and that the sum of Fifteen pounds be paid for every hundred weight of good merchantable Salt Petre that shall be made and manufactured within this Province, & delivered to the said Committee within three Months next following, and so in Proportion for any greater or lesser quantity.

9. *Resolved*, That John Dickinson, George Gray, Henry Wynkoop, Anthony Wayne, Benjamin Bartholomew, George Ross, Michael Swoope, John Montgomery, Edward Biddle, William Edmunds, Bernard Daugherty, Samuel Hunter, William Thompson, Thomas Willing, Benjamin Franklin, Daniel Roberdeau, John Cadwalader, Andrew Allen, Owen Biddle, Francis Johnson, Richard Reiley, Samuel Morris, jun., Robert Morris, Thomas Wharton, jun., & Robert White, Gentlemen, be a Committee of Safety for calling forth such, and so many of the Associators into actual Service when Necessity requires, as the said Committee shall judge proper. For paying and supplying them with necessaries while in actual Service. For providing for the Defence of this Province against insurrection and Invasion, and for encouraging and promoting the manufacture of Salt Petre; which said Committee are hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders on the Treasurer, herein appointed, for the several purposes above mentioned.

10. *Resolved*, That any seven or more of the said Committee shall be a Board for transacting the Business aforesaid, or any part thereof.

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And for carrying the foregoing Resolutions into Execution, it is

11. *Resolved*, That Bills of Credit, to the Value of Thirty-five Thousand Pounds, shall, on or before the first day of August next, be prepared and printed upon good Strong Paper, under the care and Direction of George Gray, William Rodman, Joseph Parker, and Isaac Pearson, Esqrs., or any three of them, at the Charge of the Public, to be defrayed out of the said Bills, which Bills shall be made and prepared in manner & form following, to wit:

According to the resolves of the Assembly of Pennsylvania, made on the 30th day of June, in the fifteenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty George the Third, dated at Philadelphia, the 20th day of July, 1775.

And the same Bills shall have such like Escutcheons and Devices as the said George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman, & Isaac Pearson, shall think fit, each of which Bills shall be of the several and respective Denominations following, and no other, Viz:

Seven thousand of the same bills, the sum of Forty shillings in each of them; seven thousand of the same Bills, the sum of thirty shillings in each of them; Seven thousand of the same Bills, the sum of twenty shillings in each of them; and seven thousand of the same Bills, the sum of ten shillings in each of them.

And the said George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman, and Isaac Pearson, shall use their best care, attention and Diligence, during the Printing the said Bills, that the Number and and amount thereof, according to their respective Denominations aforesaid, be not exceeded, nor any clandestine or fraudulent Practice be used by the Printer, his servants, or other Persons concerned therein.

Resolved, That the said George Gray, Joseph Parker, William Rodman, and Isaac Pearson, or any three of them, after the said Bills are Printed, shall deliver them to the signers, to be signed and numbered by parcels, for which they shall take Receipts.

Resolved, That Sharp Dolany, Lambert Cadwalader, Isaac Howell, James Meas, Adam Hubley, John Benezet, Samuel Cadwalader Morris, Thomas Prior, Godfrey Twells, John Meas, John Purviance, and William Allen, junior, or any three of them, shall be the signers of the said bills.

Resolved, That when the same Bills shall be signed and Numbered, they shall be delivered to Michael Hillegas, Esq., hereby appointed Treasurer, who shall give his Receipt for the same, & therewith pay off and discharge all such Drafts and Certificates as shall be made by Order of Assembly, or the Committee aforesaid.

Resolved, That the said Treasurer shall give Bond, with two sufficient securities, to John Morton, and Charles Humphreys, Esqrs., in the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him.

And for the more certain paying, redeeming, discharging, and sinking the said Bills of Credit hereby emitted,

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Resolved, That a Tax on all Estates, real and Personal, within this Province, shall be raised and levied by the Respective Commissioners and Assessors of the several Counties in the Province, in the same manner and Mode as the Provincial Tax by the Laws now in Force, is raised, levied and recovered, and shall be paid to the Provincial Treasurer, which said Tax first mentioned, shall commence immediately after the sinking of the Bills of Credit now remaining to be sunk, of those sums granted to the King during the course of the last war; which Tax, for the purposes aforesaid, the several Commissioners and Assesors are enjoined and required to raise, levy, recover, and pay, as they regard the Freedom, Welfare, and safety of their Country.

Extract from the Journals.

CHAS. MOORE, Cl'k of Assembly.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety, appointed by the Resolves of the Assembly of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, July 3rd., 1775.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin, Esq.,
Owen Biddle,
Robert Morris,
Robert White,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
Andrew Allen,
John Cadwalader,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
George Ross.

On Motion,

1st. *Resolved*, That Benjamin Franklin, Esqr., was unanimously chosen President.

2nd. *Resolved*, That William Govett be Clerk, and that he engage not to disclose the proceedings of the Committee without leave.

3rd. *Resolved*, That Cola. John Cadwalader & Mr. Samuel Morris, jun'r, do provide patterns of Musketts, Bayonetts, Cartridge Boxes, and Knapsacks, to be sent to the different Countys.

4th. *Resolved*, That the barrels of the Muskets be 3 feet 8 inches in length, well fortfy'd, the bore of sufficient size to carry 17 Balls to the Pound, the Bayonetts 16 inches long.

5th. *Resolved*, That Messrs. Robert Morris, Robert White, & Thomas Wharton, jun'r., do, with the utmost Expedition, procure any quantity of Powder and Salt Petre, in their Power.

July 4th, 1775.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,
Robert White,
Andrew Allen,
Daniel Roberdeau,
John Dickinson,
George Ross,
Robert Morris,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
John Cadwalader,
Owen Riddle.

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1st. *Resolved*, That the Committee go to Red Bank to-morrow, to take a view of the River and Islands, and that the following Gent'n be requested to attend, viz't:

Luke Morris,	Major Nicholas,
Oswell Eve,	Thomas Hanson,
John Wharton,	Peter Reeve.
Thomas Penrose,	

2d. *Resolved*, That Mr. Owen Biddle wait on the Commissioners and Assessors of this County, and desire that this Committee may have a conference with them on Thursday morning next, at six o'clock.

3d. *Resolved*, That this Committee meet every day at six o'clock, A. M., Sunday excepted.

4th. *Resolved*, That if any Member shall think it necessary to call an extraordinary meeting, that he do it by giving the Clerk directions to give the Members proper Notice.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Committee for providing Powder and Salt Petre, do procure at the same time two thousand Stand of good Fire Arms.

6th. *Resolved*, That Doc't. Franklin be requested to procure A Model of a Pike, to be produced to the Committee at their next meeting.

July 6th, 1775.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Owen Biddle,
George Ross,	George Gray,
Robert Morris,	Robert White,
Thomas Wharton, jun.,	Samuel Morris, jun.,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Cadwalader.

The Committee, agreeable to the 1st resolve of the 4th inst., went to Red Bank Mud or Fort Island, & viewed them and several parts of the River, and find the Channel from the Fort to the Barr to be 150 fathom or thereabout. And Report that it is at present impracticable to lay a Boom across that part of the River.

1st. *Resolved*, That Mess. Robert White & Owen Biddle be a Committee for the Construction of Boats & Machines, for the defence of the River, and it is Recommended to them to employ John Wharton, Joseph Marsh, Emanuel Eyres, Jacob Miller & Thomas Davis & Joseph Govett.

2nd. *Resolved*, That Colo. Dickinson, Colo. Roberdeau, Colo. Cadwalader & Colo. Ross, be a Committee for inspecting into the Ordinance and Military Stores, and make such repairs and supply such deficiencys as may be thought necessary, and that they report to the

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board a proper Person as an Assistant Commissary of Stores, and that the said Committee provide a Model of a Pike or Spear.

3rd. *Resolved*, That Mr. Owen Biddle return the thanks of this Board to the Author of the written proposals for raising & employing a Regiment of Soldiers, & for other matters therein contain'd.

The Gentlemen that were to provide patterns of Cartouch Boxes and Knapsacks, produced the same to this Board, and are approved of.

July 7th, 1775.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Thomas Wharton, jun.,
Samuel Morris, jun.,	John Cadwalader,
Capt. Robert White,	Owen Biddle,
Andrew Allen,	George Gray,
Daniel Roberdeau,	

1st. *Resolved*, That Mr. John Wharton immediately procure materials & make preparations for building a Boat or Calevat, and that he exhibit a model of one to-morrow morning, when he will have further instructions for the construction of one.

2nd. *Resolved*, That Mr. Owen Biddle give the thanks of this Board to Mr. Lewis Nicholas, for his plan delivered the Committee this day.

July 8th—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	George Gray,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Robert White,
Andrew Allen,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle.

A model of a Pike Staff was produced, and one ordered to be made.

1st. *Resolved*, That Mr. John Wharton immediately build a Boat or Calevat of 47 or 50 feet keel, thirteen feet broad, & four and a half feet deep.

2nd. *Resolved*, That Mr. Owen Biddle apply to Stephen Paschall, & give him directions to make a Pike, agreeable to the Pattern produced by Doct'r Franklin.

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July 10th—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Francis Johnston,	John Cadwalader,
Anthony Wayne,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
Robert Morris,	George Gray.
Robert White,	

On an application being made by Colo. Roberdeau & Colo. Cadwalader, that this board would take under consideration the Expences incur'd by the Officers of the Association, And the Board not finding themselves sufficiently empower'd,

1st. *Resolved,* That the same be earnestly recommended to the consideration of the Commissioners & Assessors of the several Countys of this Province.

2nd. *Resolved,* That Emanuel Eyres immediately Build a Boat, agreeable to the Model produced by him this day.

July 11th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT.

Benjamin Franklin,	George Gray,
Francis Johnston,	John Cadwalader,
George Ross,	Thomas Warton, jr.,
Robert Morris,	Samuel Morris, Jun'r.,
Robert White,	Anthony Wayne,
Owen Biddle,	

1st. *Resolved.* That Messrs. Robert White & Owen Biddle, do provide a Sail for one of the Boats now building under their direction.

The Committee appointed for the Building Boats and constructing the Machines for the defence of the River, Report that they have been Viewing a number of Pine Loggs, which they think will be proper for the Service.

2nd. *Resolved,* That the said Committee do purchase the above mentioned Loggs.

The President delivered to Messrs Robert White & Owen Biddle, his order on Capt. Loxley for such Guns and Military Stores as they may have occasion for.

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July 12th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
Thomas Wharton, jun.,	George Ross,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Gray.
John Cadwalader,	

George Ross, Esq., produced a motion of the Assembly of the 30th June, Resolving that the Committee of Safety draw an Order on their Treasurer in favour of himself & James Wilson, Esq., for the sum of fifty pounds each, being for their services in attending the Continental Congress, which was accordingly done, and delivered to Mr. Ross, being the President's draft of this date on Michael Hillegas.

July 13th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Thomas Wharton,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Cadwalader,
Robert White,	Samuel Morris, jun.,
Owen Biddle,	Robert Morris.

1st. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board be given to Mr. Ebenezar Robinson, for his plan for stopping the Channel of the River Delaware.

July 14th. At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Morris, jun.,
Robert White,	John Cadwalader,
Robert Morris,	George Gray.
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	

1st. *Resolved*, That the Board will go down this morning and view the Ground on which it is proposed to raise a Battery.

2nd. *Resolved*, That Mr. Robert Morris, Messrs. George Gray, Samuel Morris, jr., & Thomas Wharton, jr., be a Committee to wait on the Provincial Treasurer, and know if a sum of Money can be borrowed of him until the Money for this Board is Emited.

3rd. *Resolved*, That Owen Biddle be directed to procure Four Ton of Grape Shot.

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July 15th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Robert Morris,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Cadwalader,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	George Gray,
Robert White,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.

1st. *Resolved*, That the Committee appointed for Building Boats & Machines for the Defence of the River, do immediately employ all the Carpenters & other Workmen that they think necessary, for collecting materials for building 12 Boats, (including the two already ordered,) and as many Machines as may be thought sufficient for the interruption of the Navigation.

2nd. *Resolved*, That Colo. Roberdeau, Colo. Cadwalader, & Mr. Samuel Morris, jun., be requested to go to New Jersey and Converse with such principal Inhabitants as they think proper, and to know if the Inhabitants would assist this Province in Defence of the River, and in what manner.

3rd. *Resolved*, That a Guard be appointed to take proper care of the Artillery and other Military Stores deposited in the State House & Yard.

July 17th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Owen Biddle,
Anthony Wayne,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert Morris,
Robert White,	George Gray,
John Cadwalader.	

1st. *Resolved*, That Capt'n Henry Dougherty be appointed to the Command of one of the Boats now building, and that Cap't. John Rice be appointed to the Command of one other of the Boats now Building.

Colo. Dan'l Roberdeau reports to the Board, that there is proper Guards appointed, agreeable to the 3rd Resolve of the 15th inst.

The Committee appointed by the 2nd Resolve of the 15th inst., Report, that they went to the Jerseys and Conversed, with many of the Inhabitants, who seem willing to give every Assistance in their power, that they will immediately furnish some Loggs for building the Machines for the Obstruction of the Navigation, And that they propose to man one or two of the Boats for the Defence of the River, And that some of the Gent'n will in a few days attend this Board.

Cap't. Tench, Francis & Cap't. Lieut. Bache, made application to this Board for 30 or 40 Rifle Barrel Guns, for a Number of

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Men in their Company who have not Rifles, neither can than they afford to purchase them.

2nd. *Resolved* That Mr. Robert Morris be requested to apply to Capt. Tench Francis, and Capt. Lt. Bache, to assist him in providing Eighty good Rifles for the use of the Boats now Building, a part of which are to be put into the hands of such Men as Capt. Francis for this County, & Colo. Wayne of Chester County, may engage to go as Minute Men on Board the Boats when Required.

July 18th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	John Cadwalader,
Francis Johnston,	Robert Morris,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
Owen Biddle,	George Gray,
Anthony Wayne,	

1st. *Resolved*, That Colo. Roberdeau be requested to wait on the Physicians of the Hospital, and desire they would inform this Board what Medicines & Necessarys there may be occasion for, for the 600 Men that are to be employed on board the Boats; and that they be desired further to inform this Board if it would be necessary to procure from a Broad a supply of any Medicines that may possibly be wanted in the Service on land for the Associators.

2nd. *Resolved*, That Colo. Cadwalader & Owen Biddle be desired to apply to the City Committee, and acquaint them that this Board is willing to take into their care such Gun Powder as said Committee may now have in their Possession, and that this Committee will repay them for the purchace of the same.

3rd. *Resolved*, That Thomas Savage be employed to take care of the cannon and Military Stores in the day time, or untill he is relieved by the Guard to be placed for that purpose.

July 19th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	John Cadwalader,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Robert White,
Richard Reily,	George Gray,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,	Anthony Wayne.
Francis Johnstons,	

Capt. Robert White Reported that he sent a person to the Jerseys to know what number of Logs the Inhabitants would supply

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this Board with, who brought with him a List of the following Gentlemen, who Generously gave the number of Logs mention'd opposite their names, vizt. :

	Logs.		Logs.
Benjamin Whitall,	55	Joseph Ward,	10
John Wood,	20	Joshua Hopper,	15
Nathan Kimsey,	10	Isaac Hopper,	10
Richard Johns,	50 or more.	Levi Hopper,	15
David Paul,	20	James Wood,	10
Joseph Low,	30	Joseph Tatom,	1
James Brown,	10	Charles West,	40
	195		101 } 296 Logs.
			195 }

1st. *Resolved*, That the Boat to be launched by Mr. John Wharton, be called the Experiment.

July 21st.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

GEORGE GRAY, President for the Day.

Robert White, Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
Samuel Morris, jun'r. Daniel Roberdeau,
Richard Reiley, Owen Biddle.

1st. *Resolved*, That Messrs. Thomas Wharton, jr. & Samuel Morris, jun'r., be appointed a Committee to enquire after a quantity of Salt Petre & damaged Gun Powder, said to be in the hands of the Family of the late Simon Boerum, of Long Island, and should they have any quantity of either Article the said Committee are desired to procure it.

As it is necessary immediately to procure such workman as may forward the Compleating the Fire Arms that may be wanted.

2d. *Resolved*, That Thomas Wharton, jr., Samuel Morris, jun'r. & George Gray, be a Committee for that purpose, and that they apply to James Pearson, Tomlinson & Wiley, and know if they can be engaged to advantage, & that they acquaint them that this Board will give them proper encouragement.

3rd. *Resolved*, That this Committee furnish the Inhabitants of Gloucester County with Two Team to assist them in bringing logs down to the different Landing places for the use of this Committee, and that Mr. Samuel Morris be desired to procure and send them over immediately.

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July 22nd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Ross,
Robert Morris,	George Gray,
Robert White,	Owen Biddle.
John Cadwalader,	

Resolved, That a messenger be sent to Joel Ferree, of Lancaster County, with a letter from this Committee, requesting him immediately to complete the Guns wrote for as patterns and to know how many he can furnish of the same kind and at what price.

July 24th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	John Cadwalader,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert White,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.	Robert Morris,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.	George Gray.
Owen Biddle,	

Resolved, That the Boat to be launched by Emanuel Eyres, at Kensigton, be called the Bull Dog.

Mr. Robert Smith, (Carpenter) appear'd at this Board with a model of a machine for obstructing the Navigation of the River Delaware and explained the Construction of it, which was approved of; at the same time he made an offer of his service in attending and overlooking the Workman in building the same Gratis, for which this Board thanked him and accepted the offer of his services.

Resolved, That Capt. Charles Alexander be appointed to the Command of the Boat called the Bull Dog.

Resolved, That this Board meet at Kensington to-morrow Morning, at 11 O'Clock, to attend the launch of the Boat Built by Emanuel Eyres, and that they go from thence in said Boat to Gloucester, and there hold a Board.

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July 26th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety, at Kensington.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	William Thompson,
Owen Biddle,	Anthony Wayne,
Robert White,	Francis Johnston,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Cadwalader,
Thomas Wharton, junr.	George Gray,
Samuel Morris, junr.	Robert Morris.
George Ross,	

Emanuel Eyres, the Builder of the Boat called the Bull Dog, not being able to launch her yesterday, she was this day launched and the Members of the Committee of Safety there present embarked on board said Boat and went to Gloucester, but found it inconvenient to hold a Board there.

July 27th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	John Cadwalader,
Francis Johnston,	Thomas Wharton, junr.
Anthony Wayne,	Samuel Morris, junr.
Owen Biddle,	Robert Morris,
Robert White,	George Gray.
Daniel Roberdeau,	

Upon application of James Pearson and Whiley, the Committee consent to advance them the sum of two hundred pounds, they giving good Security for the repayment of said sum in good Gun Barrels of their own Manufactory.

The Committee appointed by the 1st Resolve of the 21st of July, Report, That there is no Gunpowder in the hands of the Family of the late Simon Boerum, and but little Salt petre, which they purpose Manufacturing themselves.

Mr. Nathaniel Irish presented a Boat or Gondola for the inspection of this Committee.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Wharton return him the thanks of this Board, much commending his ingenuity & attention to the Public Safety.

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July 28th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Robert Morris,
Francis Johnston,	George Gray,
Anthony Wayne,	John Cadwalader.
Owen Biddle,	

Agreeable to the 1st Resolve of the 18th July, Colo. Roberdeau deliver'd to this Board two Lists of Medecines received from the Physicians of the Hospital, upon which it is,

1st. *Resolved*, That Mr. Robert Morris wait on Mr. Robert Bass with said list, and request that he would point out what Medecines may be best imported from Holland and Cadiz, and what may be purchased with Conveniency in this City, and that Mr. Robert Morris undertake to import such Medecines as may be pointed out to be imported from Holland and Cadiz, in the most expeditious manner.

Doct'r Franklin delivered to this Board a Letter from Capt'n John MacPherson, offering his Services for the Defence of this Country, for which Doct'r Franklin is desired to return the thanks of this Board to Cap'n MacPherson.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the Resolves of the Continental Congress of the 18th July instant, be entered on the Minutes of this Board, which are the following:

"In Congress, July 18th, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Inhabitants of all the United English Colonies in North America, that all able Bodied effective Men, between Sixteen and Sixty years of age in each Colony, immediately form themselves into regular Companies of Militia, to consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals, one Clerk, one Drummer, one Fifer and about Sixty-Eight Privates.

"That the Officers of each Company be chosen by the respective Companies.

"That each Soldier be furnished with a good Musket that will carry an Ounce Ball, with a Bayonet, Steel Ramrod, Worm priming Wire, and Brush fitted thereto, a cutting Sword or Tomahawk, a Cartridge Box that will contain twenty-three rounds of Cartridges, twelve Flints and a Knap Sack.

"That the Companies be formed into Regiments or Battalions, Officer'd with a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, two Majors, an Adjutant or Quarter Master.

"That all Officers above the Rank of a Captain be appointed by their respective Provincial Assemblies or Conventions, or in their

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Recess by the Committees of Safety appointed by said assemblies or Conventions.

"That all Officers be Commission'd by the Provincial assemblies or Conventions, or in their Recess by the Committees of Safety appointed by said Assemblies or Conventions.

"That all the Militia take proper care to acquire Military Skill, and be well prepared for Defence, by being each Man provided with one pound of good Gunpowder, and four pound of Ball fitted to his Gun.

"That one-fourth part of the Militia in every Colony be selected for Minute Men, of such persons who are willing to enter into this necessary Service, formed into Companies & Battalions, and their Officers chosen and Commission'd as aforesaid, to be ready on the shortest notice to march to any place where their assistance may be required for the defence of their own or a neighbouring Colony, and as these Minute Men may eventually be called to action before the whole body of the Militia are sufficiently trained, it is recommended, that a more particular and diligent attention be paid to their instruction in Military Discipline.

"That such of the Minute Men as desire it, be relieved by new Draughts as aforesaid, from the whole Body of the Militia, once in four Months.

"As there are some People who from Religious Principles cannot bear Arms in any case, this Congress intend no Violence to their Consciences, but earnestly recommend it to them to *Contribute Liberally*, in this time of universal calamity, to the relief of their distressed Brethren in the several Colonies, and to do all other services to their oppressed country, which they can consistently with their Religious principles.

"That it be recommended to the assemblies or Conventions in the respective Colonies to provide as soon as possible sufficient Stores of Ammunition for their Colonies; also that they devise proper means for furnishing with arms such effective Men as are poor and unable to furnish themselves.

July 28th.—"That it be recommended to each Colony to appoint a Committee of Safety, to superintend and direct all matters Necessary for the Security and Defence of their respective Colonies, in the recess of their assemblies and Conventions.

"That each Colony, at their own expence, make such provision by armed Vessels, or otherwise, as their Respective Assemblies, Conventions, or Committees of Safety, shall judge expedient and suitable to their circumstances and situations, for the protection of their harbours and navigation on their Sea Coasts, against all unlawful invasions, attacks, and depredations from Cutters and Ships of War.

"That it be recommended to the makers of arms for the use of the Militia, that they make good substantial Muskets, with Barrels three feet and a half in length, that will carry an Ounce Ball, and

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fitted with a good Bayonet and Steel Ram Rod, and that the making such Arms be encouraged in these United Colonies.

"Where in any Colony a Militia is already formed, under Regulations approved of by the Convention of such Colony, or by such assemblies, as are Annualy elective, we refer to the discretion of such Convention, or Assembly, either to adopt the foregoing regulations, in the whole or in part, or to continue their former, as they on consideration of all Circumstances shall think best.

"A true Copy from the Minutes,
"Signed, CHARLES THOMSON, Sec'y."

Resolved, That the following Advertisement be published in the different News Papers in this City:

"Committee of Safety.

"PHILADELPHIA, 28th July, 1775.

"WHEREAS, The Continental Congress, have by their Resolves of the 18th instant, recommended that all Officers above the Rank of a Captain, be appointed by their Respective Provincial Assemblies or Conventions, or in their Recess by the Committees of Safety, appointed by said Assemblies or Conventions.

"The Committee of Safety appointed by the Assembly of Pennsylvania, do, therefore, request the Committees of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, and of the several Counties in this Province, to make a Return to the Committee of Safety at Philadelphia, of all the Officers of the Military Association, in order that Commissions may be made out for them, agreeable to the above Resolves of the Continental Congress.

"And the several Committees are farther requested to make a Return to the Committee of Safety, of the Number of the Associators, and also of the Non Associators within thier respective Districts.

"Signed by order of the Committee.
"(Signed) B. FRANKLIN, President."

July 29th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Samuel Morris, jun.,	John Cadwalader,
Andrew Allen,	Robert White,
Thomas Wharton, jun.,	Owen Biddle,

The Gentlemen of this Committee, who went to View the River with some of the Committee of Gloucester County, Report:

That the Committee of said County were entirely satisfied with the propriety of fixing the frames opposite the upper end of Hog Island, in preference to Billingsport.

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July 31st.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Andrew Allen,
Samuel Morris, jun.,	Robert White,
Thomas Wharton, jun.,	Owen Biddle.
Robert Morris,	

Mr. William Bigland waited on the Board with a Draught of a Rowing Wheel which he proposed to have fixed to the Provincial Row-Boats.

Colo. Roberdear is desired to return him the thanks of this board for his Communication.

Messrs. Robert Morris, Robert White & Thomas Wharton, jun'r., are desired to borrow of the Wardens of the Port such a Sum of Money as the Wardens can lend them for the use of this Committee, and the Board will give them sufficient security for the repayment of it.

The form of a Commission for the Officers of the Military Association was produced and approved, being as follows:

"In Committee of Safety.

"To

"The Honorable Continental Congress, having recommended in their Resolves of the 18th July, 1775, That in the recess of the provincial Assemblies or Conventions, the Officers of the Military Association for the defence of American Liberty, should receive their Commissions from the respective Committees of Safety appointed by said Assemblies or Conventions, in pursuance thereof.—We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be of the Battalion in the County of associated for the Defence of the liberties of America, and for repelling every Hostile invasion thereof. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging, and we do earnestly recommend to all Officers and Soldiers under your Command to be obedient to your Orders as

And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions as you shall receive from the Assembly or Procincial Convention, during their Sessions, or from this or a future Committee of Safety for this Province, or any other your Superior Officers, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in Force untill revoked by the Assembly or Provincial Convention or by this or any succeding Committee of Safety.

"By order of the Committee."

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Mr. Hulings sent a Model of a boat, which was approved of, and Capt. White is desired to return the thanks of this Board to Mr. Hulings for the same.

August 1st.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Benjamin Bartholomew,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Morris. jun'r.,
Robert White,	Robert Morris.
Thomas Warton,	Andrew Allen,
Richard Reiley,	John Cadwalader.

The Committee appointed yesterday, to borrow a sum of Money from the Wardens of the Port, *Report*, That Mr. Peter Reeve, Treasurer to the Wardens, will lend this Committee the sum of three thousand five hundred pounds.

Resolved, That the Members present sign a Promisary Note, payable on demand, to the said Peter Reeve, for the said sum of Three Thousand and five hundred pounds, borrowed of him, which Note was signed accordingly.

Resolved, That the Colonels of the different Battalions in this City be requested to order a Night Guard over the Powder in the New Goal, and a Guard on Sundays, at the same place.

Resolved, That Cap't., Nichalos Biddle be appointed to the Command of the Boat called the Franklin, now building by Emanuel Eyres. And that Cap't. John Hammilton be appointed to the command of the Boat called the Congress, now building by Eman'l Eyres. And that Cap't. Dougherty, now Commander of the Boat Experiment, be removed to the Boat called the Washington, now building by Mr. John Wharton.

And that Allen Moore, Lieut. of the Boat Experiment, be appointed Commander of the said Boat.

August 2nd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Owen Biddle,	Robert Morris,
Benjamin Bartholomew,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Francis Johnston,	John Cadwalader,
Richard Reiley,	Robert White,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,	George Gray.

Mr. Robert Morris Reports: That he has receiv'd three thousand and five hundred pounds from Mr. Peter Reeve, Treasurer to the

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Wardens of the Port, for which he has given a Receipt to the Board.

Mr. George Taylor attended this Board, and offers to make and deliver Cannon Ball at the rate of twenty pounds per ton.

Mr. Biddle is desired to acquaint Mr. Taylor that this Board will inform themselves of the price that Ball may be had at, but think the Price he mentions is too high.

Colo Roberdeau will speak to Mr. David Potts, respecting the Price that Cannon Ball may be made and delivered at.

August 3rd—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President for the Day.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Benjamin Bartholomew,
Anthony Wayne,	George Gray,
Francis Johnston,	Andrew Allen,
John Cadwalader,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Robert White,	Owen Biddle,
Richard Reiley,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau & Mr. Owen Biddle purchase twenty-eight Tons of Cannon Ball of the following sizes:

32 Pounders, 70.
24 Pdrs.
18 Pdrs.

On Motion of Colo. Wayne, That any Member who may have any thing to Offer to this Board, should address the Chair; which motion was agreed to, and ordered to be minuted.

Major Bayard & Major Johnston delivered, in a Memorial from a Number of the Committee of the City, Liberties & County of Philadelp'a, and the Body of Officers of the several Battalions in the said City Liberties and County. And on Debate, it is agreed that the objects recommended in said Memorial do come properly under the Notice of this Board, and will be taken into consideration.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That Doct'r Franklin, Andrew Allen, Colo. Cadwalader, Colo. Wayne, Colo. Ross, Colo. Roberdeau, & Major Johnston, be a Committee to prepare a Draught of Rules & Regulations for the good Government of the Associators of this Province; and the said Committee are desired to form a draught of a Recommendation from this Board, to such Persons as have not associated, and who come within the description of the Resolves of the Congress of the 18th July, to join the Associators without further loss of time.

Upon application of Mr. Robert Erwin for 6 lbs. Gun Powder

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for the use of the Hospital & Goal, It is agreed that he should have an order on Robert Towers for the same, which order was accordingly drawn and delivered.

Mr. Owen Biddle produced two Letters from Bucks County, one from three of the Assesors & one Commiss'r of said County, informing this Board, That at a meeting of Com'rs & Ass'rs, there appeared a Majority for not carrying the Resolution of Assembly for providing 300 Stand of arms, into execution; a debate arising in Consequence of these Letters, it was, after deliberation,

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners & Assessors for the County of Bucks be summoned to appear before this Board, on Wednesday the 9th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Lodge, in the City of Philadelphia, and that each Commiss'r & Ass'r be served as soon as possible with a Copy of this Minute.

Resolved, That the Committee for providing Powder, arms, &ca., be desired to procure from the French or Spanish West Indies, two thousand stand of good Fire Arms.

August 4th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Robert Morris,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Cadwalader,
Benjamin Bartholomew,	Thomas Wharton, jun.,
Richard Reiley,	Anthony Wayne,
Robert White,	George Gray,

Upon re-considering the resolves of yesterday, respecting the Commissioners and Assessors of Bucks County, It is agreed that this Board will stop their proceedings thereon for a few days.

Colo. Roberdeau Reports, That Mr. Taylor has agreed to cast and deliver to this Committee the twenty-eight Ton of Ball that is ordered to be made at sixteen pounds ℔ ton.

Resolved, That Morgan Busteed, Cast and deliver to this Committee, Two Howitzers, agreeable to the draft offered by him to this board.

Resolved, That Colo. Dickinson, Colo. Roberdeau & Colo. Cadwalader, enquire of the Associators who have the Provincial Muskets in their hands, if they are willing to enter into the service of this Province, on Board the Boats to be employed for the defence thereof If they refuse, then, that they be desired to deliver the said Arms to their respective Colonels, for the use of those Men that may enter into the said Service.

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Wheeler make 100 Pikes, to be made use of on Board the different Boats, agreeable to the pattern produced to this Board.

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August 5th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Robert White,	George Gray,
Richard Reiley,	Thomas Wharton, jun.,
Owen Biddle,	Andrew Allen

Mr. Owen Biddle presented to this Board, from Mr. Robert Smith, a Model of a Machine for lowering and raising balace into & out of the Chivaux de Frise, to be sunk in this River, for which Mr. Biddle is desired to return to Mr. Smith the thanks of this Board.

August 7th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	John Cadwalader,
Robert Morris,	Samuel Morris, jun.,
Thomas Wharton, jun.,	

August 8th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Robert White,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Gray,
George Ross,	Andrew Allen,
Anthony Wayne,	Robert Morris.
John Cadwalader,	

Mr. Robert Towers attended the Board with a Return of the Powder under his care, by which it appears there is 2244½ lbs powder in Store.

Colo. Cadwalader delivered to this Board, John Nixon Chairman, pt. to the City Committee, his order to the Powder Committee to deliver to this Board what Powder they may have in their care.

Doct'r Franklin delivered a Letter to this Board from three of the Assessors and one Commissioner, which was Read and answered this day.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle & Colo. Cadwalader apply to the City Committee for what Lead and Flints they may have in their possession, and request their account of the Cost of the same.

Resolved, That the Powder Committee endeavour to inform themselves what quantity of Lead may be procured in this City, and that they purchase fifty tons of that article.

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August 9th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Owen Biddle,	Robert Morris,
Robert White,	Anthony Wayne,
Andrew Allen,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Gray.
John Cadwalader.	

Upon the application of Doct'r Franklin to this Board for a quantity of Gunpowder, for the use of the troops under the command of Colo. Schuyler.

Resolved, That the 2244½ lbs. of Gunpowder now in Magazine, under the care of Mr. Robert Towers, be immediately sent, and that a proper Team be provided to take said Powder, and to be attended on the Road by Thomas Aply, untill he receives orders from Colo. Schyler.

Sundry Letters were read from York County, concerning the Military Association, requesting Commissions to be sent for the Officers of that County.

A Letter read from Carlisle, of 27th July, directed to Michael Hillegas, Esq., and signed by John Montgomery, requesting the Pattern Gun & resolves of the Assembly, to be sent to the Commis'rs & Assess'r of Cumberland County.

One other Letter was produced, directed to Mr. Hillegas, from Wm. Edmonds of Northampton Co'y, requesting the pattern Muskets, Knapsacks, & Cartridge Boxes might be sent for that County.

On Motion, It is agreed that this Committee meet in future at 9 o'clock in the Morning.

August 10th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	John Cadwalader,
Thomas Wharton, jun.	Robert Morris,
Robert White,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Andrew Allen,	George Gray.
Samuel Morris, jun.,	

The Committee appointed to enquire what quantity of Lead could be procured in this City, Report that they cannot find more than 5 Cwt. of that article.

Upon application of the Powder Committee for a Sum of Money to reimburse them the large sums they are in advance, and for payment of other their Engagements,

Resolved, That an Order be drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esquire, Treasurer to this Board, in favour of Messrs. Robert Morris &

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Thomas Wharton, jun., for the Sum of Twenty-five thousand Pounds; which was accordingly done, & signed by the President.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to procure Gun Powder, &c., do, as soon as possible, import Fifty tons of Lead.

Doct. Franklin undertook to write to Colo. Schyler, to know if any of the Lead that was at Ticonderoga, could be had for the use of this Province, and to request a supply if it can be spared.

August 11th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Robert White,
George Gray,	John Cadwalader,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Morris, jun.,
Robert Morris,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun.,	George Ross.

A Report from Robert Towers was laid before the Board, expressing that he delivered Mr. Thomas Aptly the quantity and kinds of Powder following, Viz :

Musket Powder, - - - - -	382 lbs.
Cannon Powder, - - - - -	1754
	2136 lbs. Powder.

Doct. Franklin & Mr. Owen Biddle, *Report*, That they yesterday sent the above Powder to Colo. Schyler, attended by the above mentioned Thomas Aply.

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Towers be appointed Commissary of the Magazine and Military Stores of this Province, and that he have a Sallery of Fifty pounds ℔ year; And that Mr. Andrew Allen & Mr. Robert Morris be appointed to draw up Instructions, and a Commission for him.

That the order from the Committee of the City and Liberties to the Powder Committee of that Board, be delivered to the Commissary, and that he take the Powder that they deliver into his care, and Report the quantity to this Board.

That Owen Biddle, Samuel Morris, and George Gray, be a Committee to prove the Powder made by Mr. Lush & Mr. Oswell Eve, and that Robert Towers, Commissary, attend them.

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August 12th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	George Gray,
Owen Biddle,	George Ross,
Robert Morris,	Robert White,
Thomas Wharton, jun.,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Samuel Morris, jun.,	

At a second Meeting of the Committee, in Consequence of the arrival of three Ministerial Officers in the Ship Hope, George Curwin, Mr. from Cork.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Andrew Allen,
Owen Biddle,	Robert Morris,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Warton, jun'r.,
George Gray,	George Ross,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,	Robert White.

An Order was Issued from this Board to Capt. William Bradford of the 2nd Battalion, for him to take into his Custody Major Chris'n French, Ensign, John Rotton, Ministerial Officers, and Terence McDermot, Cadet in the Ministerial Army, with their attendants, and bring them before this Board.

Resolved, That the Meeting of this Committee be adjourned to 3 o'clock, then to meet at Smith's Tavern, where Capt. Bradford is desired to conduct the above mentioned Officers.

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Agreeable to the adjournment of this day, the Members then present met at Smith's Tavern.

In consequence of the orders Issued to Capt. Bradford this day, the officers therein mentioned was taken into Custody, & brought to this Board from Gloucester, And, upon mature deliberation, finding that the said Christopher French, Major in his Majesty's 22nd Regiment of Foot, John Rotton in his Majesty's 47th Regiment of Foot, Ensign, And Terence McDermot, a Voluntier in his Majesty's Army, having designedly came hither with an intention of joining the Ministerial Army at Boston, under the Command of General Gage, who is now acting in a Hostile & cruel manner against his Majesty's American Subjects, it is

Resolved, to prevent the said officers & Voluntiers becoming additional Instruments of oppression, That they shall respectively sign the following Instrument of writing, vizt.:

"I, Christopher French, Major of His Majesty's 22nd Regiment of Foot, a Prisoner in the Power of the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania, and being kindly treated and pro-

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tected by them, and enlarged on parole, Do Hereby Solemnly Promise and engage, on the Honor of a Soldier and a Gentleman, That I will not bear Arms against the American United Colonies in any manner whatever, for the space of twelve Months, or untill I may be Exchanged, nor will I, during that time, take any Measures to give intelligence to General Gage, or the British Ministry, or to any Person or Persons whatever, relative to American Affairs, but will proceed with all convenient expedition to the Camp of General Washington, and Submit myself to his further directions, and that I will not directly or indirectly attempt to procure any Person or Persons whatever to rescue me, and that I will not go on board any Brittish Ship of War during the continuance of my engagement not to bear arms.

"Philadelphia, 12th August, 1775."

The above engagements being drawn up, were presented to the said Officers and Cadets, were approved of & signed by them seperately. They requesting a Certified Copy of the same; it was agreed to and deliver'd them.

Major Christopher French, having among other engagements, given his Parole to render himself with all convenient speed at the Camp of General Washington, and there to submit himself to the disposition of the said General, but requesting as a favour, that it may be Certified in his behalf, that he had previously claimed the being considered as no prisoner of war, he having come hither without any knowledge of the Hostilities between the Army and the People of America, and not being taken in Arms, We, in compliance with his request, do Certifiie that he did make the said claim, but after his being informed that Hostilities had been commenced in America, he declaring that if he joined his Corps he should act as his Superior Officers directed; his claim was overruled, and, thereupon, gave his parole as aforesaid, dated 12th August, 1775, & signed by the President.

There being imported in said ship Hope, Capt. Curwin, the following Packages of goods, Viz^t:

No. 1 a 6	—6 Bales	for the 40th Regt.
W. C.	—1 a 2—2 ditto.	for the 40th do.
	1 Box	for the 40th do. James Morrison.
	1 do.	45th do. Capt. Moore.
	2 do.	45th do. Ensign Percy.
	1 Vallice	44th do.
1 a 6	—6 Bales	22nd do.
	1 Chest, 1 Trunk	22d do. William Stapleton.
	1 Chest, 1 Trunk, 1 Portmanteau	22d do. George Clighorn.
	1 Box without mark or Number.	
No. 22.	Baggage for Lieut. Archd French.	

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Brought forward.

Officers Baggage.

2 Trunks for Major French.
1 Valice for do.
1 Trunk
2 Canteens
1 Bed Box
1 Hatt Case
} for Ensign Rotton.
2 Trunks
1 Bed Box
1 Small Box
1 Valice
} for Cadet McDermot.

Which Goods being for the use of the Army under the Command of General Gage, and baggage belonging to the Officers who came in said ship, it is

Resolved, That the said Goods, brought from said ships in one of the Armed Boats of this Province, shall be stored 'till this Committee shall receive directions from the Continental Congress for the disposal of the same, unless it may be thought necessary by this Committee, before the meeting of the said Congress, to remove or otherwise dispose of them, and that this Committee write to General Washington, informing him of the transactions of this Board relative to the said officers and Goods.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau desire Capt. William Bradford to deliver the Baggage belonging to Major French, Ensign Rotton, and Mr. McDermot, a voluntier, when required.

Upon application of the Officers & Volunteer now on their parole, that they should be furnished with a Copy of the Instruments of writing they signed, it was agreed to, and they were accordingly furnished with them.

August 14th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	George Gray,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert Morris,
George Ross,	Samuel Morris, jun.,
Owen Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, jun.,
Robert White,	Andrew Allen.

Resolved, That Robert Towers go to Germantown and see if the Powder there is in a secure place; if it is, he is to let it continue there, and report the quantity to this Board.

Colo. Roberdeau, agreeable to request, enquired into the Character of Mr. Thompson, and finds that he bears the Character of an Honest Man.

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Major French made application that he might take with him the Packages that came in Capt. Curwin, for the use of the 22nd & 40th Regiment, as well those directed to the different Officers in Boston, which was refused him, the same being included in the Resolves respecting the Cloathing, &c., intended for the use of the Army in Boston.

Resolved, That the list of Medicines recommended by the Physicians of the Hospital, that may be had in this place, be approved of, and that Mr. Bass furnish them for the use of the 600 Men to be employed on board the Armed Boats, and that Mr. Bass put up said Medicines in convenient Boxes, and keep them in his possession till further orders.

August 15th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	George Gray,
Thomas Wharton, jun.,	Robert White,
Robert Morris,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Andrew Allen,	Owen Biddle,
Anthony Wayne,	

Upon application of Messrs. Mead & Coy, who produced a Letter from the Purser of the Nautilus, for the supplying him with Soap, Candles, & Port Wine, for the use of said ship, it was allowed that they might supply them with the following quantity, vizt:

1 Hhd. Port Wine.
4 Cwt. Candles.
1 Cwt. Soap.

Mr. Owen Biddle produced an order from the City Committee, signed by George Clymar, for the Lead & Flints they have in their possession, which order was delivered to the Commissary, with directions to make a return to this Board of the quantity of each article he should receive.

Capt. Willing & Capt. Wharton offer'd their Services to this Board to attend Major French, Ensign Rotton & Voluntier McDermot, to the Camp of General Washington, on Condition of their Expenses being paid, which offer was accepted of.

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August 16th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Robert White,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert Morris,
Anthony Wayne,	Benjamin Bartholomew,
Thomas Wharton, jun.	Andrew Allen,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Morris, junr.
George Gray,	George Ross.

Major French was furnish'd with a Copy of the Instrument of writing signed by him the 12th inst, with the Copy of his request, and this Boards resolve in Consequence thereof of this day—vide below.

As it is thought necessary that this Board should have a security for the two soldiers that is with Major French, he was desired to sign the following engagement, Viz't:

The Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania, having permitted William Goldthorp, a Private in the 22nd Regiment, and Alexander Allen, a Private in the 45th Reg., to accompany me to General Washington's Camp, I Pledge my Honor that I will use my best endeavours to surrender them to the said General; that I will take all the care in my power to prevent their misbehaving themselves, or giving any intelligence injurious to the American Cause.

Dated 16 August, 1775, and Signed,

CHRIS. FRENCH,
Major Brittish Army.

Major French was furnished with a copy of the above.

Mr. Robert Towers made a return of the powder received & stored as follows, viz't.

From Oswald Eve,	575 lbs.	Powder, stored in New Goal.
From the Committee of the City & Liberties	50 do.	ditto.
From Ditto.	800 do.	stored in Powder House.
From Ditto.	1100 do.	stored in Germantown.
	2525 lbs.	

A Letter of Instructions was wrote and signed by Doct'r Frank lin, for Capt. Richard Willing & Capt. John Wharton, who go with the Officers taken -Prisoners, by Stage on Tuesday morning next.

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August 17th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Robert Morris,
Anthony Wayne,	George Gray,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Ross,
Benjamin Bartholomew,	Robert White,
Owen Biddle,	Andrew Allen.
Samuel Morris, jun'r,	

The Committee appointed by the 2nd resolve of the 3rd inst., for drawing up Rules and regulations for the associations produced the same, and after several amendments, were agreed to and order'd to be transcribed.

August 18th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Benjamin Bartholomew,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Gray,
Owen Biddle,	George Ross,
Anthony Wayne,	Robert White.
Robert Morris,	

The Articles of regulations, &ca. for the Associators, was this day taken into further consideration, and after some amendments, was ordered to be again transcribed.

Joseph Fox, one of the Commissioners for this County, waited on this Board, acquainting them that it was found impossible to get completed in any reasonable time, the Firelocks for this County, unless it be permitted that they make use of such Locks as they can procure.

Resolved, That this Board take the same into their consideration.

August 19th.—At a Meeting of Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Robert Morris,	Owen Biddle,
Andrew Allen,	George Gray,
Samuel Morris, jun'r,	Robert White,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	John Dickinson.

Robert Towers, Com'ry, Reports his having received the following articles, which he had stored:

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5 half Barrels Gun Powder,	wt. 250 lbs.
5 quarter Barrels ditto.	125 "
	375 lbs

Received from George Lush, and stored in the New Goal.
12,000 Flints, } received from the Committee of the City
5 cwt. Lead, } and Liberties.
Stored in State House.

Deliver'd an Order to Mr. Towers, to Major Sam'l Mifflin, for the Powder that came this day in Capt. Ferris, which is to be put into the Powder House.

Mr. Towers is desired to remove the Powder that is now in the Goal into the Powder House, and see that proper Guards are fixed.

The Articles for regulating the Associators were transcribed, and this day read and approved of, and are as follows :

"*Articles of Association of Pennsylvania.*

"We, the officers and soldiers, engaged in the present association for the defence of American Liberty, being fully sensible that the Strength and Security of any Body of Men, acting together, consists in just regularity, due subordination, and exact obedience to command, without which no individual can have that confidence in the support of those about him, that is so necessary to give firmness and resolution to the whole, Do Voluntarily and Freely, after consideration of the following articles, adopt the same as the Rules by which we agree and resolve to be Governed in all our Military concerns and operations untill the same, or any of them, shall be changed or dissolved by the Assembly, or Provincial Convention, or in their recess by the Committee of Safety, or a happy reconciliation shall take place between Great Britain and the Colonies :

1st. If any Officer make use of any profane Oath or execration, when on duty, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every such Offence, the Sum of Five Shillings. And if a Non-Commission'd Officer or Soldier be thus guilty of cursing or Swearing, he shall forfeit and pay, for each and every such offence, the Sum of One Shilling.

2nd. "Any Officer or Soldier who shall refuse to obey the Lawfull orders of his Superior-Officer, may be suspended from doing duty on that day, and shall upon being convicted thereof before a Regimental Court Martial, make such concessions as said Court Martial shall direct.

3rd. "Any Officer or Soldier who shall begin, excite, cause, join in, or promote any disturbance in the Battalion, Troop or Company, to which he belongs, or in any other Battalion, Troop or Company,

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shall be censured according to the nature of the offence, by the judgment of a Regimental Court Martial.

4th. "Any Officer or Soldier who shall strike his Superior-Officer, or draw or offer to draw, or shall lift up any Weapon, or offer any Violence against him, being in the execution of his office, shall, upon conviction before a Regimental Court Martial, be dismissed, and shall be deemed to be thereby disgraced as unworthy the Company of Freemen.

5th. "Any Commanding or other Officer who shall strike any person when on duty, shall, upon conviction before a General Court Martial, be in like manner dismissed and disgraced.

6th. "Any Officer, non-Commissioned Officer or Soldier, who shall make use of insolent, provoking or indecent language while on duty, shall suffer such censure or fine as shall be inflicted by a Regimental Court Martial, according to the nature of the offence.

7th. "If any Officer or Soldier should think himself injured by his Colonel, or the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, & shall upon due application made to him, be refused redress, he may complain to the General of the Pennsylvania Associators, or to the Colonel of any other Battalion, who is to summon a General Court Martial, and see that justice be done.

8th. "If any inferior Officer or Soldier shall think himself injured by his Captain, or other Superior Officer in the Battalion, Troop or Company to which he belongs, he may complain to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, who is to summon a Regimental Court Martial, for the doing Justice according to the Nature of the case.

9th. "No Officer, Non-Commission'd Officer or Soldier shall fail of repairing with their arms, ammunition and accoutrements upon any regular alarm, or at the time fixed, to the place of parade or other rendevous appointed by the Commanding Officer, if not prevented by Sickness or some other evident necessity, or shall go from the place of parade without leave from the Commanding Officer before he shall be regularly dismissed, on penalty of being fined or censured according to the nature of the offence, by the sentence of a Regimental Court Martial. But no officer or soldier shall be obliged to attend to learn the Military Exercise more than once in a week.

10th. "Any Officer or Soldier found Drunk when under Arms, shall be suspended from doing duty in the Battalion, Company or Troop on that day, and be fined or censured, at the discretion of a Regimental Court Martial.

11th. "What ever Centinel shall be found Sleeping upon his post, or shall leave it before he is regularly relieved, shall suffer such penalty or disgrace as shall be ordered by a Regimental Court Martial.

12th. "Whatever Commission'd Officer shall be convicted before a General Court Martial, of behaving in a Scandalous or infamous

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manner, unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, shall be dismissed from the association with disgrace.

13th. "Every non-Commission'd Officer or Soldier who shall be convicted at a Regimental Court Martial of having sold, carelessly lost, wilfully spoiled or wasted, or having offer'd for Sale any ammunition, arms or accoutrements belonging to this Province, shall be dismissed such Battalion, Troop or Company, as an unworthy member, and be prosecuted as the Law directs.

14th. "All disorders and neglects which Officers and Soldiers may be guilty of, to the prejudice of the good order and Military discipline of the Association of this Colony, are to be taken cognizance of by a General or Regimental Court Martial, according to the nature and degree of the Offence, and be censured at their discretion.

15th. "That on the first Meeting of every Battalion, after subscribing these articles of association, and from thence forward on the first meeting of every Battalion after the third Monday in September annually, there be chosen two Persons, such as are entitled to Vote for Members of Assembly, out of each Company in the respective Battalions, by the non-Commission'd officers and privates, whose duty and Office shall be for the year following, to set and join with the Officers in Court Martial, which persons so chosen shall be Styled Court Martial Men.

16th. "Every General Court Martial shall consist of thirteen Members, Six of whom shall be Commission'd Officers under the Rank of a Field Officer and Six Court Martial Men, who shall be drawn by Lott out of the whole Number, and these twelve are to choose a president, who shall be a field Officer and have a Casting Voice.

17th. "Every Regimental Court Martial shall be composed of Seven Members, three Officers, three Court Martial Men & a President, who is to be a Captain, and to be chosen by the Six, and also to have a casting Voice.

18th. "In all Courts Martial not less than two-thirds of the Members must agree in every sentence for inflicting penalties, or for disgracing any Associator, otherwise he shall be acquitted.

19th. "The President of each and every Court Martial, whether Regimental or General, shall require all witnesses in order to trial of offenders to declare on their Honor, that what they give in as evidence is the truth, and the Members of all Courts Martial shall make a declaration to the president, and the President to the next Rank, upon their Honor, that they will give Judgment with impartiality.

20th. "All non-Commission'd Officers, Drumers, Fifers, or others, that shall be employed and receive pay in any of the Battalions Companies or Troops, shall subscribe these rules and Regulations, and be subject to such fines, to be deducted from their pay, and to such pentals as a Regimental Court Martial shall think pro-

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per, upon being convicted of having transgressed any of these regulations.

21st. All Associators called as Witnesses in any case before a Court Martial, who shall refuse to attend and give evidence, shall be censured or fined, at the discretion of the Court Martial.

22nd. "No Officer or Soldier being charged with transgressing these Rules, shall be suffer'd to do duty in the Regiment, Company or Troop to which he belongs, until he has had his Trial by a Court Martial; and every person so charged, shall be tried as soon as a Court Martial can be conveniently assembled.

23rd. "The Officers and soldiers of every Company of Artillery, or other Company Troop or Party, that is or shall be annexed to any Battalion, shall be subject to the command of the Colonel or Commanding Officer of said Battalion, and the Officers shall sit as Members of Courts Martial in the same manner as the officers of any other Company.

24th. "No Penalty shall be inflicted at the discretion of a Court Martial, other than degrading, cashiering, or fining, the fines for the Officers not to exceed three pounds, and the fine for a Non Commissioned Officer or Soldier, not to exceed twelve Shillings for one fault.

25th. "The Field Officers of each and every Battalion shall appoint a Person to receive such fines as may arise within the same, for breach of any of these articles, and shall direct those fines to be carefully and properly applied to the relief of the Sick, wounded, or necessitous Soldiers belonging to that Battalion, and such person shall account with the Field Officers for all fines receiv'd, and the application thereof.

26th. "The General or Commander-in-Chief of this Association, for the time being, shall have full power of pardoning or mitigating any censures or penalties order'd to be inflicted for the breach of any of these articles by any General Court Martial; and every offender convicted as aforesaid, by any Regimental Court Martial, may be pardoned, or have his penalties mitigated by the Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Battalion, excepting only where such censures or penalties are directed as satisfaction for injuries received by one Officer or Soldier from another.

27th. "Any Officer, non commissioned Officer, or other person, who having subscribed these articles, shall refuse to make such concessions, pay such fines, or in any other matter refuse to comply with the judgment of any Court Martial, shall be dismissed the Service, and held up to the publick as unfriendly to the Liberties of America.

28th. "Upon the determination of any point by a Regemental Court Martial, if the Officer or Soldier concerned on either side, thinks himself still aggrieved, he may appeal to a General Court Martial; but, if upon a second hearing, the appeal appears groundless and vexatious, the person so appealing shall be censured, at the discretion of the General Court Martial.

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29th. "Upon the Death, resignation, promotion, or other removal of an Officer from any Battalion, Troop, or Company, (except Field Officers,) or any Court Martial Men, such vacancy is to be fill'd by the Person or persons such Troop or Company shall elect.

30th. "No Officer or soldier shall be tried a second time for the same Offence, except in case of appeal.

31st. "All Officers and Soldiers of every battalion, Troop, Company, or party of Associatiors, who shall be called by the Assembly, or Committee of Safety in recess of Assembly, into actual service, and be on pay, shall, when acting by themselves, or in conjunction with the Continental Forces, be subject to all the rules and articles made by the Honourable Congress for the Government of the Continental Troops.

32nd. "No Commission'd, non-commission'd Officer or private, shall withdraw himself from the Company to which he belongs, without a discharge from the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, nor shall such person be receiv'd into any other company without such discharge.

"In Testimony of our approbation and consent to be governed by the above regulations, which have been deliberately read to, or carefully perused by us, we have hereunto set our hands."

August 21st.—In Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Cadwalader,
George Gray,	Samuel Morris, jun.,
Robert Morris,	Robert White.
Thomas Wharton, jun.,	

Mr. Robert Towers Reports, that he has removed the powder from the New Goal to the powder House.

And that he has received from Major Mifflin, the Powder that came by Capt. Ferris, which is stored in the Powder House, and is as follows, viz:

2	Barrels	-	-	wt.	200	
3½	do	-	-	-	150	
87¼	do	-	-	-	2175	
48⅛	do	-	-	-	600	
4	Boxes,	-	-	-	100	
						—— 3225 lbs.

also, 1¼ cask, part out,
1 half Barrel, - - - 50 lbs. rec'd from the City Committee & stored in the Powder House.

A Letter was received from the Provincial Congress of New York, dated 16 August, requesting this Board to lend them some

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Gun Powder; in answer to which, this Board wrote them this day, informing them of the Powder that was sent to Colo. Schyler, and if he had no occasion for that quantity, it was at their Service.

The baggage belonging to the Officers was sent this day, by Mr. Vandegriff's Stage Waggon, for New York, to the care of the Committee there, and is as follows:

2 Trunks, 1 Valice,	for Major French.
1 Trunk, 2 Canteens, 1 Bed Box, 1 Hatt Case,	for Ensign Rotton.
2 Trunks, 1 Bed Box, 1 Valice, 1 Box,	for Mr. McDermot, a Voluntier.

August 22nd.—In Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Owen Biddle,	George Gray,
John Cadwalader,	Robert White.
Robert Morris,	

Upon application of the Committee for this City & Liberties, That they might have the liberty of inspecting into the goods that came from Cork, belonging to the Ministerial Troops, it was agreed to, and in consequence thereof, the Bills of Lading and account of said goods was delivered them for their inspection of said goods.

Upon application of Messrs. Hunt & Lowrey, for a quantity of Lead and Powder, for the use of the associators of New Jersey, it is agree'd they should have liberty from this Board to purchase five hundred weight of Lead in this City, And that they be supplyed from this Board with five hundred pounds of Gun Powder, they paying fifteen pounds ℔ hundred; an order was accordingly drawn on Robert Towers, Commissary, for the same, signed by the president and delivered to them Gentlemen.

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August 23d.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Pres'n pro. tem.

Owen Biddle,	Robert White,
George Gray,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Daniel Roberdeau.
John Cadwaladar,	

On motion, an order was delivered to Robert Towers, Commissary, for the Salt Petre purchased from Joseph Sims, by the Powder Committee, at the rate of £15 ℔ hundred.

Upon application of Cap't Beach, for a quarter Cask of Powder, an order was give to Robert Towers to deliver the same.

The Boat built by Mr. John Wharton, called the Washington, was this day launched.

August 24th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	George Gray,
Robert Morris,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Robert White,
John Cadwalader,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.
Owen Biddle,	

On application, an Order was directed to the Commissary to deliver to Matthew Clarkson, Quarter Master to the 1st Battalion of Associators, Commanded by Colo. Dickinson, nine quarter casks of Gun Powder, for the use of said Battalion.

Resolved, That the Boat built by Carroup & Fullerton, and to be launched this day, be called the Effingham.

Resolved, That Mr. George Gray procure 1500 Brushes and priming wires, for the Provincial Firelocks, at the rate of three pounds ℔ hundred.

August 25th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Andrew Allen,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Anthony Wayne,
John Cadwalader,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
George Gray,	Robert White.

Robert Towers Reports that he received and stored Yesterday, the following articles, viz't:

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25 ℔ Salt Petre, from Joseph Sims, Stored in State House.

250	18 ℔	Round Shot, w't.	4500,
4	24 ℔	do.,	94,
4	32 ℔	do.,	128,
			4722, from George Taylor, ditto.

11 Quarter Casks Powder, 275 ℔, from George Slossher, in Powder House. This Powder was made by George Havener, from Salt Peter deliver'd him by the City Committee.

The Articles of Recommendation to the Associators was this day gone through, and order'd to be transcribed.

August 26th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Andrew Allen,
Owen Biddle,	Robert White,
George Gray,	John Cadwalader,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
John Dickinson,	

Upon application of the Provincial Congress of New York, for a quantity of Gun Powder,

Resolved, That this Board send immediately, on account of said Congress, twenty hundred pounds of Gun Powder, in tite casks, & that Robert Erwin procure a Waggon to transport the same to Newark, in New Jersey; And that Mr. Owen Biddle see this done.

Resolved, That it be recommend to the first Battalion to receive Capt. Master's Company as the youngest company, untill a new Battalion can be formed.

That it be recommended to the second Battalion to receive Captain Semple's Company as their youngest Company, untill a new Battalion can be formed.

That it be recommended to the light Infantry Company, late of the third Battalion, to join the said Battalion, And to the Battalion to receive the said Company; And as Capt. Morgan has not yet had a chance by Lott for determining his Rank, it is recommended That 9 Papers, number'd from 1 to 9, be roll'd up, and that Capt'n Morgan drawing one of them, the Captain whose Number he so draws, and all below him, Rank below Capt. Morgan.

That it be also recommended to the Third Battalion to receive Capt. Henderson's Company as their youngest Company, untill a New Battalion can be formed.

A Copy of these resolves were delivered to the different Colonels of the City and Liberty Battalions.

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The Articles of Recommendation to the Associators being taken several times into consideration, were, after some amendments, this day transcribed, approved of, And are as follows:

"*Rules for establishing Rank or Precedence amongst the Pennsylvania Associators.*

"The Committee of Safety appointed by the Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania, being desirous of performing the important duties of their station in the most satisfactory manner to the Public, beg leave to lay before them certain resolves of the Honorable Continental Congress, dated the 18th July, which have already been published, but it is apprehended have not come to the knowledge of many able-bodied effective Men, aged from 16 to 50 years, that may be very desirous of serving their Country in the present Glorious struggle for Liberty, in the mode pointed out by said resolves, which are in the following Words:

"In Congress, 18th July, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Inhabitants of the united English Colonies in North America, that all able-Bodied effective Men, between 16 & 50 years of age, in each Colony, immediately form themselves into regular Companies of Militia, to consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants, One Ensign, four Serjeants, four Corporals, One Clerk, one Drummer, one Fifer, and about Sixty-eight Privates.

"That the Officers of each Company be chosen by the respective Companies.

"That each soldier be furnished with a good Musket that will carry an ounce Ball, with a bayonet, steel ramrod, worm, priming wire, and Brush fitted thereto, a cutting sword or Tomhawk, a Cartridge Box that will contain twenty three rounds of Cartridges, twelve flints, and a knapsack.

"That the Companies be formed into Regiments or Battalions, Officer'd with a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, two Majors, an Adjutant or Quarter Master.

"That all Officers above the Rank of a Captain be appointed by their respective Provincial Assemblies or Conventions, or in their recess by the Committees of Safety appointed by said Assemblies or Conventions."

"That all Officers be Commission'd by the Provincial Assemblies or Conventions, or in their recess by the Committees of Safety appointed by said Assemblies or Conventions.

"That all the Militia take proper care to acquire Military Skill, and be well prepared for defence, by being each man provided with one pound of good Gun Powder, and four pounds of Ball fitted to his Gun.

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"That one fourth part of the Militia in every Colony be selected for minute Men, of such persons as are willing to enter into this necessary Service, formed into Companies and Battalions, and their Officers chosen and Commissioned as aforesaid, to be ready at the shortest notice, to march to any place where their assistance may be required for the defence of their own or a neighbouring Colony, and as these Minute Men may eventually be called to action before the whole Body of the Militia are sufficiently trained, it is recommended that a more particular and diligent attention be paid to their instruction in Military discipline.

"That such of the Minute Men as desire it, be relieved by new draughts, as aforesaid, from the whole Body of the Militia, relieved once in four Months.

"As there are some people who, from religious principles, cannot bear arms in any case, this Congress intend no violence to their consciences, but earnestly recommend it to them to contribute liberally to the relief of their distressed brethren, in their several colonies, and to do all other services to their oppressed Country which they can consistently with their religious principles.

"That it be recommended to the Assemblies or Conventions in the respective Colonies to provide, as soon as possible, sufficient Stores of ammunition for their Colonies; also, that they devise proper means for furnishing with arms such effective men as are poor and unable to furnish themselves.

"That it be recommended to each Colony to appoint a Committee of Safety, to superintend and direct all matters necessary for the Security and defence of their respective Colonies in the recess of their Assemblies and Conventions.

"That each Colony, at their own expence, make such provision by armed Vessells or otherwise, as their respective Assemblies, Conventions or Committees of Safety shall judge expedient and suitable to their Circumstances and situations, for the protection of their Harbours and Navigation on their Sea Coasts, against all unlawfull invasions, attacks and depredations from Cutters and Ships of War.

"That it be recommended to the makers of Arms for the use of the Militia, that they make good substantial Muskets, with Barrels three feet and a half in length, that will carry an ounce Ball, and fitted with a good Bayonet, and steel Ramrod, and that the making such arms be encouraged in these United Colonies.

"Where in any Colony, Militia is already formed under regulations approved of by the Convention of such Colony, or by such Assemblies as are annually elective, we refer to the discretion of such Convention or Assembly either to adopt the foregoing Regulations in whole or in part, or to continue their former, as they on consideration of all circumstances, shall think best.

"A true Copy from the Minutes,

"CHARLES THOMSON, Sec' ty.

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And in order that all persons of every Rank, degree and station may be truely informed of the Premises, and none hereafter plead ignorance, this Board do earnestly recommend to all Committees of Inspection and observation in this Province to cause this publication to be dispersed, read and explained within their respective districts, in such manner that ever person capable of associating for mutual defence, may be made sensible it is a duty they owe to themselves and Country, to do it without further loss of time, and as it is necessary that this Board be speedily informed of the Number of Associatiors in the Several Counties or districts, the said Committees are requested to make returns as soon as possible: First, of the several Battalions already formed Secondly, of the several new associators not yet formed into Battalions: Thirdly, of all such Persons from Sixteen to Fifty, their names and places of abode, as may refuse to associate, not having any conscientious objections, if any such there be, and lastly of the number of men in their respective districts who conscientiously decline bearing arms, with their names and places of abode.

The several Committees of Inspection and Observation having been desired to make returns to this Board as soon as conveniently could be, of the several Battalions of Associators already formed in their districts, are now informed that it will be necessary to mention in said returns the Rank of every Battalion of a County, in regard to others in the same County, and to prevent uncertainty among the Officers of the General Association, respecting Rank or Command, and to ascertain the same with precision.

This Committee, in forming the following plan (which they propose to observe strictly in granting Commissions, and which they recommend to the general acquiescence of all the associators) have had a regard to the Seniority or priority of establishment of the several Counties, Viz:

1st. All Officers already chosen or appointed in the City & districts of Philadelphia, to take rank or precedence of all other Officers of equal dignity, chosen or appointed in any other part of the Province.

2nd. All Officers already chosen or appointed in Philadelphia County, to take rank of all Officers of equal dignity chosen or appointed in any other County.

3d. All Officers already chosen or appointed in Bucks County, to take Rank of all officers of equal dignity, chosen or appointed in any other than the City and district and County of Philadelphia.

4th. All Officers already chosen or appointed in Chester county, to take Rank of all Officers of equal dignity, chosen or appointed in any other than Bucks, Philadelphia County & Philadelphia City and districts.

5th. All Officers already chosen or appointed in Lancaster County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal dignity, chosen or appointed in any other than Chester, Bucks and Philadelphia county, and Philadelphia City and districts.

6th. All Officers already chosen or appointed in York county,

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to Rank before Officers of equal dignity in any other than Lancaster, Chester, Bucks and Philadelphia County, Philadelphia City and districts.

7th. All Officers already chosen or appointed in Cumberland county, to rank before Officers of equal dignity in the junior Counties of Berks, Northampton, Bedford, Northumberland and Westmoreland.

8th. All Officers already chosen or appointed in Berks County, to rank before Officers of equal dignity in the Counties of Northampton, Bedford, Northumberland and Westmoreland.

9th. All Officers already chosen or appointed in Northampton County, to rank before Officers of equal dignity in Bedford, Northumberland and Westmoreland Counties.

10th. All Officers already chosen or appointed in Bedford County, to rank before Officers of equal dignity in Northumberland and Westmoreland Counties.

11th. All Officers already chosen or appointed in Nortumberland County, to rank before Officers of equal dignity in Westmoreland county.

12th. All Officers already chosen or appointed in Westmoreland, the youngest or last made County in this province, yield up Rank or precedence to all officers of equal dignity already chosen or appointed in every other County in this Province.

13th. Where Commissions of equal dignity in different Counties bear the same date, precedency to be determined by Seniority of Counties, but where they are in the same County by the Rank of the Battalion.

14th. The Colonels already chosen or appointed in the city and districts, having determined their ranks, with respect to each other, by lot, their and the other field officers' commissions will be dated according to the Lot so drawn.

15th. The Colonels already chosen or appointed in every County, are to determine their Rank, with respect to each other, by Lot, & Commissions for them and their respective field Officers will be dated accordingly.

16th. The Captains in every Battalion to determine their Rank in Battalion by Lot, and their Commissions, with those of their Lieutenants and Ensigns, will be dated accordingly.

17th. All Officers hereafter chosen or appointed, to have their Commissions dated at the time of such choice or appointment, and to take Rank according to said dates.

18th. All Battalions now raised to be compleated as soon as possible, and to consist of eight Companies of about sixty-eight privates each, and one company of Light Infantry, and to have for Officers a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, two Majors, a Standard Bearer, Adjutant, Serjeant Major, Drum and Fife Major; and the officers of each company to consist of a Captain, two Lieutenants, one or two Ensigns, four Serjeants, four Corporals, a Drummer and Fifer, except the Light Infantry Company, which, instead of two

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Lieutenants and two Ensigns, are to have four Lieutenants, the two youngest of which are to rank as Ensigns.

19th. The Standard Bearer of each Battalion to Rank as eldest Lieutenant of the Battalion.

20th. All National distinctions in dress or name to be avoided, it being proper that we should now be united in this general Association for defending our liberties and properties under the sole denomination of Americans.

21st. Companies to take post in their Battalions according to the date of their Captains' Commissions, if the Captains be present, but if absent such Companies to take post as youngest in the Battalion.

22nd. No Field Officers to have Companies.

23rd. For the better order and Government of Companies which may be raised after the completion of the several Battalions already formed in the City and Counties, such companies are not to be admitted as independent, but are to be annexed to the most convenient battalon, until nine Companies are raised to form a new Battalion, and no number of associators are to be considered as a Company unless they consist of at least Forty Men, but it is recommended that till that number be compleated, the associators join the most convenient Battalion, exercise and do duty with such Battalion.

24th. All Battalions now formed, as well as those hereafter to be formed, are desired to make the necessary returns of their numbers and officers, with their respective ranks, to the Committee of their County, and the Committees are desired to certify such returns, with the respective rank of each Battalion in their County, to this Board, that Commissions may be issued immediately for every officer, in conformity with these rules.

25th. And as there may happen occasions wherein it may be necessary to call out a part of the Associators to actual though temporary service, and not the whole body, and it would be extremely inconvenient and burthensome if upon every alarm where the assistance of part only may be wanted, the whole should come together, or any much greater number than the occasion required, and it would be, therefore, necessary to have such divisions made of the Associators, as that parts smaller or greater, may be distinctly called for, and the service as equally and fairly allotted, and dive'd as the nature thereof will admit, it is recommended not only the Battalions of each County, but also that the Companies of each Battalion be by lot number'd, 1, 2, 3, 4, &ca., so that orders may issue from the Commander-in-Chief to the Colonels, either to march their whole Battalions, or to send to an appointed rendezvous the first, or second, or any number of Companies that shall be wanted, each company serving on such calls in its turn, and for such proportion of time as shall make the burthen nearly equal, and if the associators who are called forth, are not all yet provided with good arms, it is recommended to those who have such, and are not called out, to lend the same for that occasion, at the risque of the public.

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Lastly. This Board having drawn up thirty-two articles of agreement for the due regulation and Government of all the Associators in the Province, which is published herewith, they do recommend the same to be adopted, Signed and agreed to by all the said Associators, in order that one general system may prevail in Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the Rules and Regulations for, and the Recommendations to the Associators, be published by William Bradford, and that he print two thousand of each on good paper, for the use of the Association. Mr. Andrew Allen is desired to give orders for the same being done, and Colo. Roberdeau is desired to get five hundred of each printed in the German Language, for the use as aforesaid.

A Letter was this day receiv'd by Capt. George Ord of the Lady Catharine, from Henry Tucker, Chairman of the Deputies of the several Parishes of Bermuda, enclosing an account for 1182 lbs. Gun Powder ship'd by him on board said vessell, amounting to £161.14.8 that Currency, with an account of 8 half bars of Powder on board said Vessell the property of Capt. John Cowper of North Carolina, for which last powder, Mr. Tucker has engaged that this Board or Mr. Robert Morris will be accountable for.

The articles for the Good Government of the Officers and Men to be employed on Board the Boats belonging to this Province, this day came under consideration, and after some amendments was read and approved of.

The draught for the Officers' Commissions to be employed on board the armed Boats, was this day read and approved of, and is as follows:

"In Committee of Safety.

"To

"We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, Do by these presents Constitute and appoint you to be of the Provincial armed Boat called the fitted out for the Protection of the Province of Pennsylvania and the Commerce of the River Delaware, against all Hostile Enterprises, and for the Defence of American Liberty; you are, therefore, to take the said Boat into your Charge and Carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers, Soldiers and Mariners under your Command, to be Obedient to your orders as and you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time, as you shall receive from the Assembly or Provincial Convention during their Sessions, or from this or a future Committee of Safety for this Province, or from your Superior Officer, According to the Rules and Discipline of War, pursuant to the trust reposed

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in you; this Commission to continue in force until revoked by the Assembly or Provincial Convention, or by this or any succeeding Committee of Safety.

"By Order of the Committee."

Ordered, That Mr. Bradford print on good paper, one hundred of the Commissions for the Officers to be employed on Board the armed Boats.

A Recommendation to the Associators to make use of Pikes was this day read and approved of, which is in the following words:

"It has been regreted by some great Soldiers, particularly by Marshal Saxe, that the use of Pikes was ever laid aside, and many Experienc'd Officers of the present times agree with him in opinion, that it would be very advantageous in our Modern Wars to resume that Weapon, its length reaching beyond the Bayonet, and the compound Force of the Files (every Man laying hold of the presented Pike) rendering a charge made with them insupportable by any Battalion armed only in the common manner. At this time therefore, when the Spirit of our People supplies more Men than we can furnish with Fire Arms, a deficiency which all the Industry of our ingenious Gunsmiths cannot suddenly supply, and our Enemies having, at the same time they were about to send regular Armies against undisciplined and half Armed Farmers and Tradesmen, with the most dastardly malice, endeavour'd to prevail on the other powers of Europe not to sell us any Arms or Amunition, The use of Pikes in one or two Rear Ranks is recommended to the Attention & consideration of our Battalions. Every Smith can make these, and therefore the Country may soon be supplied with plenty of them. Marshal Saxes' direction is, that the Staff be fourteen feet in length, and the Spear eighteen inches, thin and light, the Staff to be made of Pine, hollowed for the sake of lightness, and yet to retain a degree of stiffness; the whole not to weigh more than seven or eight pounds. When an Army is to encamp, they may, he observes, be used as Tent Poles, and save the trouble of carrying them. The Committee of Safety will supply samples to those Battalions who are disposed to use them. Each Pikeman to have a cutting Sword, and where it can be procured, a Pistol."

Order'd, That a Copy of the above be deliver'd to the Colonels of the different Battalions in this City and districts, which was accordingly done.

August 28th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

Present: Only 6 Members.

Robert Morris,	Owen Biddle,
George Gray,	Thomas Wharton,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert White.

Mr. Robert Towers reports that he has receiv'd from Mr. Robert Morris 4650 lbs. Gun Powder, which is put in the Powder House.

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Mr. Towers reports that he deliver'd 2012 lbs. Gunpowder to Robert Erwin and Mr. Owen Biddle; that the said powder went yesterday for New Ark, for account of the Provincial Congress of New York, agreeable to a resolve of the 26th inst.

August 29th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro. tem.

Daniel Roberdeau,	George Gray,
Robert White,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	Anthony Wayne,
George Ross,	John Cadwalader.

This Board thought proper to reconsider the articles for the Government of the Officers and Men to be employed on board the provincial Armed Boats, and after some amendments, were order'd to be transcribed for the press, which was accordingly done, and are as follows:

"In Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania.

"WHEREAS, the Arbitrary and Tyrannical proceedings of the British Ministry, in attempting to reduce the good people of America into a state of abject Slavery and Vassalage, has met with a righteous and Spirited Opposition from the twelve united Colonies by their Delegates in Congress, who, by their resolves of the 18th July, recommended to the Assemblies or Conventions, or in their recess, to the Committees of Safety, to devise & provide such means for defending the Lives, Liberties, and properties of their respective inhabitants, as may to them seem best in compliance with this recommendation; and in consequence of the powers vested in this Committee by Resolve of the Assembly of this Province, they have caused Sundry Boats to be Built and Armed for the defence of the Same, and the protection of its commerce; which Boats being now ready for service, it remains that they be immediately manned and equiped; *Therefore*, to encourage good and brave Men to engage freely in this Glorious Service, the following Rules and Regulations are offered by the said Committee:

1st. "All Officers and Privates in or belonging to the Provincial Armed Boats, being guilty of profane Oaths, Cursing Drunkeness or other scandalous actions, shall incur such punishment as the nature and degree of the offence shall deserve, at the discretion of a Court Martial.

2nd. "Any Officer or Private who shall strike the Commander-in-Chief or other his Superior Officer, or draw, or offer to draw, or lift up any weapon, or use any violence against him, or shall be-

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have himself with contempt or disrespect to him, them, or either of them, being in the execution of their office, shall be punished according to the nature of his offence, at the discretion of a Court Martial.

3rd. "If any Person in or belonging to the Provincial Armed Boats shall raise, or endeavour to raise a Mutiny, on any pretence whatever, or shall disobey any lawful commands of his Superior Officer, he shall, on conviction thereof, suffer such punishment as shall be order'd by a Court Martial.

4th. "Any Officer or Private who shall, without leave of his Commanding Officer, absent himself from the Boat or other Vessell to which he belongs, or from any detachment of the same, or shall advise or persuade any other officer or private so to do, shall be punished, at the discretion of a Court Martial.

5th. "Every Person in the Fleet who shall Mutiny in time of action, or who through Cowardice, disaffection, or negligence, shall at such time withdraw or keep back, or not come into the fight or Engagement, or shall not do his utmost to take or destroy any Ship, Boat or other Vessell which it shall be his duty to engage, or shall endeavour to persuade or deter others from doing their duty at such a time, shall suffer Death.

6th. "Every Person who shall desert to the Enemy, or shall intice others so to do, shall suffer Death, or such other punishment as the circumstances of the offence shall deserve, and a Court Martial think fit.

7th. "Any Officer or Private who shall be convicted of holding any correspondence with, or giving intelligence to the Enemy, either directly or indirectly, shall suffer Death, or such punishment as shall be order'd by a Court Martial.

8th. "Every Officer or Private who shall be convicted of having designedly or carelessly wasted or imbezzled the ammunition, arms, stores, or provisions belonging to any of the Boats, shall suffer such punishment as a Court Martial shall think proper for the offence.

9th. "Whatever Officer shall be found Drunk on Guard or under Arms, shall be Cashier'd; and any Private so offending, shall be punish'd at the discretion of a Court Martial.

10th. "No Person in or belonging to the Provincial Armed Boats shall sleep upon his watch, or forsake his post, on pain of such punishment as a Court Martial shall think fit to impose.

11th. "Any Officer or Private who shall, by discharging Fire Arms, beating of Drums, or by any other means, occasion false alarms, shall suffer such punishment as shall be inflicted by a Court Martial.

12th. "All Officers, of what condition soever, shall have power to part and quell all quarrels, affrays and disorders, though the persons concern'd should belong to another Boat, and order Officers to be arrested, and Non-Commission'd Officers or Privates to be confined 'till their proper Superior Officers shall be acquainted therewith, & whoever shall refuse to obey such Officer, though of an

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Inferior rank, or shall draw his sword, or lift up any weapon against him, shall be punished, at the discretion of a Court Martial.

13th. "If any inferior Officer or Private shall think himself wronged by the Commander of the Boat to which he belongs, he may apply to the Commander-in-Chief, who is to redress his grievance.

14th. "All Officers shall take Rank from the date of their Commissions.

15th. "All Ships and other Vessells, and their Cargoes, ammunition, Artillery, cloathing, or other articles taken from the enemy, shall be disposed of or distributed as the Provincial Assembly shall hereafter think proper.

16th. "If any Officer or Private shall commit any crime deserving punishment, he shall by his commanding officer be put under arrest if an officer, or if a non-commission'd Officer or Private, be put in confinement, till he shall be tried by a Court Martial or discharg'd by proper authority.

17th. "If any Officer under arrest shall leave his confinement before he is set at liberty by the Officer who confined him, or by proper authority, he shall be cashier'd.

18th. "Any Officer who shall presume to discharge any Prisoner committed to his charge without proper authority for so doing, or shall suffer any prisoner to escape, shall be punished, at the discretion of a Court Martial.

19th. "If any commission'd Officer shall be convicted before a Court Martial of behaving in a scandalous, infamous, cruel, oppressive or fraudulent manner, unbecoming the character of an Officer, he shall be dismiss'd from the Service.

20th. "All Crimes not Capital, and all disorders and neglect which officers and privates may be guilty of, to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline, though not mention'd in these articles, shall be taken notice of by a Court Martial, and punished, according to the nature of the Offence.

21st. "No Person to be sentenced by a Court Martial to suffer Death, except in the cases expressly mention'd in the foregoing articles, nor shall any other punishment be inflicted, at the discretion of a court martial, other than degrading, cashiering, drumming out of the fleet, whipping, not exceeding thirty-nine Lashes, fine, not exceeding two months pay, and imprisonment, not exceeding one month.

22nd. "The Commanding Officer of each Boat shall appoint some suitable person to receive all such fines as may arise within the same, for breach of any of these articles, which fines shall be accounted for to the assembly or Committee of Safety, and by them be appropriated for the relief of the maimed and disabled in the Service, and the Support of the widows and families of such as may be killed.

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23rd. "No Court Martial for the trial of offences under the degree of Capital, shall consist of less than five Officers, except in cases where that number cannot be conveniently assembled, when three may be sufficient, who are to determine on the sentence by a Majority of Voices, and in all trials for Capital Offences, the Court Martial shall be composed of thirteen Officers, and the Sentence be determined by at least two-thirds.

24th. "All Persons belonging to the Boats, called as Witnesses in any case before a Court Martial, who shall refuse to attend and give evidence, shall be punished, at the discretion of a Court Martial.

25th. "All Members of a Court Martial are to behave with Calmness, decency and impartiality, and in giving their Votes, are to begin with the youngest or lowest in Commission, and all Officers of different Boats are to rank in Court Martial according to their Commissions.

26th. "All Members sitting in a Court Martial, shall be sworn or affirmed by the president of said Court, which president shall himself be sworn or affirmed by the Officer next in Rank in said Court, the Oath or affirmation to be administer'd previous to their proceeding to the trial of any offender, in form following, viz.: 'You, A. B., Swear or affirm that you will well and truly try, and impartially determine the cause of the Prisoner now to be tried, according to the Rules framed for the Regulation of the Pennsylvania Fleet, (if an oath add,) so help you God.'

27th. "The President of the Court Martial shall administer the following Oath or affirmation to all persons called to give evidence: 'You Swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in the cause now trying, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth (if an oath add,) so help you God.'

28th. "No Person shall suffer Death, agreeable to the Sentence of a Court Martial, (except in the cases mention'd in the 5th Article), till the Sentence is confirmed by the assembly, or in their recess by the Committee of Safety.

29th. "The Commander of each Boat shall, in the begining of every month, make a faithful return to the Committee of Safety, of the Men employed in his Boat, to be sign'd by himself, and upon being convicted of having made a false return, shall be discharged from the service, and if he neglect to make a return within the month, shall be fined, at the discretion of said Committee.

30th. "No Officer or Private shall be tried a second time for the same offence."

We, the underwritten, having seen and distinctly heard the foregoing Articles read, and fully understanding the contents thereof, Do freely and Voluntarily subject ourselves to all and every of the Rules, Regulations, and restrictions therein contained. In Witness whereof, we hereunto subscribe our names.

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The Officers and Privates to enter into the Service for two Months, and until they shall be discharged by the Assembly or Committee of Safety.

Resolved, That William Bradford print on good Paper, one hundred of the Articles for the Government of the Officers and Men to be employed on board the Armed Boats.

Ordered, That Mr. Towers provide 20 Rounds of Catridges for each of the following Field Pieces, Viz't: two twelve pounders and four six pounders.

And Forty Rounds of Cartridges for the Great Guns of the Armed Boats, consisting of 1 32 pounder,
4 24 pounders,
8 18 pounders.

And that he procure a Mold for the Firelocks for the use of the Boats, and cast 1200 Ball, and fill the Cartridges for the same.

Resolved, That Robert Pomeroy be appointed a Lieutenant on Board one of the Armed Boats.

Resolved, That Mr. Nathan Boyce be appointed Lieutenant on board the armed Boat, the Washington, Commanded by Capt Dougherty.

Resolved, That William Bradford print three thousand of the Commissions for the Officers of the Association.

August 30th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, president pro tem.

Owen Biddle,	George Gray,
Anthony Wayne,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	George Ross.
Robert White,	

A letter was this day receiv'd from Abraham Yates, Chairman of the Committee of Albany, dated the 21st inst., acknowledging the receipt of the 2400 lb Gun Powder, sent by this board for the use of General Schyler, the 10th inst., under the care of Mr. Thomas Apty.

Colo. Roberdeau & Capt. White, at the request of the Artillery Officers, have examined the Carriages of the Field Pieces, and are of opinion, that they should be altered in the same manner as the one that has been done by direction of Capt. Moulder. Major Samuel Mifflin, is requested to see that the said alterations be made in the Field Carriages.

Ordered, That Colo. Ross & Capt. White be a Committee to draw up instructions for the Commander-in-Chief & the Captains of the Boats, a list of warrant Officers, and pay of Officers and Men.

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Order'd, That Mr. Gray & Mr. Biddle draw up a plan for supplying and regulating the provisions for Boats' Crews.

Resolved, That the Boat built by Mr. Marsh be called the Warren.

Resolved, That Capt. Allen Moore be removed from the Armed Boat called the Experiment, to the command of the Boat called the Effingham.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau provide 48 Pikes for the use of the Associators.

August 31st.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro tem.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
John Cadwalader,	George Ross,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Robert White.
George Gray.	

Mr. Morris produced a Letter from Doct'r Franklin, dated Brumswick 29th inst. informing that in consequence of four Waggon Load of Powder being gone to New York from another quarter, he had order'd the waggon load sent from this Board the 27th inst, for the provincial Congress of New York to return back, and Mr. Morris has give directions to the Commissary to receive and store the same.

Resolved, That Capt. James Montgomery be appointed to the Command of one of the armed Boats.

Resolved, That the Members of this board who go down to Gloucester on Fryday or Saturday next, be a Committee to inform Mr. Joseph Hugg that this Board will supply him with a Boat, and a Cannon for the same, and Commission him as Commander of her, provided the Province of New Jersey will Man, pay, and victual said Boat.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle procure for the use of this Board, a Seal about the Size of a Dollar, with a Cap of Liberty, and a Motto, *This is my right & I will defend it*, inscribed with Pennsylvania. Committee of Safety, 1775.

Resolved, That each of the Armed Boats be provided with two Brass Pateraroes, and that Capt. White procure the same.

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having received & Stored from the City Committee ℘ the hands of Thos. Barkley 94 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lbs. of Lead.

And that he has receiv'd from Robert Erwin the powder that was intended for the Provincial Congress of New York, which was sent back from Brumswick by Doct'r Franklin, amounting to 2012 pounds.

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September 1st.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro tem.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	John Cadwalader,
George Ross,	Robert White.

Deliver'd to Colo. Roberdeau, 50 of the Articles of Association & Rules for establishing Rank amongst the Pennsylvania Associators.

Deliver'd to Colo. Cadwalader, of each of the above.

Deliver'd to Capt. Beach, 15 of each of ditto.

Deliver'd to Colo. Ross, 12 of each of ditto.

Resolved, That Mr. Hugh Montgomery be appointed Lieutenant of the Armed Boat to be Commanded by Capt. John Hamilton.

WHEREAS, there are good reasons to suppose the Armed Boats may very soon be called into action, it is necessary to Man the same with not less than thirty nor more than fifty Men to each Boat, Officers included, who are to be shipped for two months certain, and from that time until discharged by orders from Assembly or this Board.

Resolved, That the following be the monthly pay of the officers and Men employed in the Provincial Armed Boats.

The Commodore,	30	Dollars ℔	month.
Every Captain of a Boat,	20	ditto ℔	do.
Every Lieutenant,	12	ditto ℔	do.
Surgeon of the Fleet,	20	ditto ℔	do.
Surgeon's Mate,	12	ditto ℔	do.
Every Steward of a Boat,	10	ditto ℔	do.
Every Captain's Clerk,	8	ditto ℔	do.
Every Mate and Gunner,	10	ditto ℔	do.
Every Carpenter,	10	ditto ℔	do.
Every Boatswain,	8	ditto ℔	do.
Every Cook,	6	ditto ℔	do.
Every Drummer,	6	ditto ℔	do.
Every Private,	6	ditto ℔	do.
Every Boy,	4	ditto ℔	do.

Resolved, That every Man, Officers, and Privates, employed in the Armed Boats, shall have the following weekly allowance of Provisions and Rum, or Malt Beer:

Seven pounds of Bread ℔ Week, or six pounds of Flour.
Ten pounds of Beef, Mutton, or Pork.
The value of Six pence per Week, in Roots & Vegetables.
Salt and Vinegar.
Three pints & a half of Rum, or Beer in proportion.

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September 2nd—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro tem..

Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, jun.,
George Ross,	William Edmonds,
George Gray,	Andrew Allen,
Owen Biddle,	Robert White.

Mr. Robert Morris is desired to pay to Capt. Ord & Mr. George Thompson at the rate of fifteen pounds ℔ hundred for Powder they imported, and at the rate of four pounds ℔ hundred more, as an encouragement for the importation of Gunpowder, which encouragement is agreeable to a Resolve of the Committee for the City and Liberties.

Upon application of General Washington, as per Letter from Mr. Joseph Reed, dated Camp at Cambridge, 24th August, 1775, for a supply of Gun Powder:

Resolved, That two tons of Gun Powder be immediately sent to his Excellency General Washington, and that William Jordan go with and take proper care of the Powder, until he has directions from the General.

That Robert Towers deliver the said Powder to Mr. Robert Erwin, who is to provide Waggons for the Carriage of the same.

Agreeable to a resolve of the 10th inst., Doct'r Franklin wrote to General Schyler, to know if any Lead could be had for the use of this Provice out of a quantity that was at Ticonderoga, the General in his Letter of the 23d August, acquaints this Board that he will convey a considerable quantity of Lead immediately to this City.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Houston be appointed a Lieutenant on Board one of the Armed Boats.

September 4th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert White,
Owen Biddle,	George Ross,
John Cadwalader,	George Gray.
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	

Fifty of the Rules & regulations for the Associators, and the same number of the articles of Association, to be sent to the Colonels of the different Battalions in this Province.

Deliver'd to Côlo. Dickinson, 50 of the articles of Association & Presidency.

Deliver'd to Colo. Hamilton, 50 of each of do, ℔ G. Gray.

Deliver'd to Colo. Miles, 50 of each of do.

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September 5th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

Present only 3 Members.

Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
Robert White.

Robert Towers, Comm'ry Reports his having received & stored at the State House the following articles, Viz:

938 Round Shot, 18 Pounders, } Receiv'd from George Taylor.
24 ditto 24 p'drs
20 ditto 32 p'drs
66 pounds of Salt Petre, Received from Mr. Groves.

And Reports his having deliver'd 4012 pounds Gunpowder to Robert Erwin, which went yesterday in two waggons, under the care of William Jordon, for General Washington, at the Camp in Cambridge.

September 6th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Henry Wynkoop,
Owen Biddle,	John Cadwallader,
Anthony Wayne,	George Gray,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Ross.
William Edmonds,	

Mr. Clement Biddle made proposals to this Board to furnish the Officers and Men, to be employed on board the Armed Boats, with Provisions, and Rum, or Beer in lieu of Rum, agreeable to the quality and quantity allowed them by a resolve of this Board the 1st instant, at the rate of tenpence half penny ℔ Ration, or one day's allowance for a Man.

Resolved, That this Board accept the proposal of Mr. Biddle, and agree that he be appointed to furnish the Provisions & Rum, agreeable to the said resolve, at the said rate of tenpence half penny ℔ Ration.

Rowley Godfrey, Lieut. of the 48th Regiment of Foot, having come hither with an intention of joining his Regiment quartered in the Island of Granada,

This Committee thought proper that he should sign the following parole, which he accordingly did.

J. Rowley Godfrey, Lieutenant of the 48th Regiment, now quartered in the Island of Granada, a Prisoner in the Power of the Committee of Safety, for the Province of Pennsylvania, and being kindly treated and protected by them and enlarged on Parole, Do Hereby Solemnly promise and engage, on the Honor of a Soldier

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and a Gentleman, That I will not bear Arms against the American United Colonies in any manner whatever, for the space of twelve months, or until I may be exchanged, nor will I during that time take any measures to give intelligence to General Gage or the British Ministry, or to any person or persons whatever, relative to American affairs; also in case this my Parole is not accepted in Exchange for any Officer of equal Rank in the American Service who may be taken Prisoner by the Brittish Troops, I do hereby, in any such case on notice, Promise to Repair to, and give myself up to the said Committee of Safety as a Prisoner.

Dated Philad'a 7th Sept'r, 1775.

Signed ROWLEY GODFREY, Lt.
48th Reg't.

Lt. Godfrey was furnish'd with a Copy of the above.

September 7th.—In Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	John Cadwalader,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Henry Wynkoop,
Owen Biddle,	Anthony Wayne.

Mr. Owen Biddle is desired to procure a Rifle that will carry a half pound Ball, with a Telescope sight, and to get repaired a Riffle produced by Colo. Wayne.

The Board being informed, by enquiry of the Honorable Peyton Randolph, Esqr., that the application of Colo. George Slaughter, for leave to purchase Gunpowder for the use of a New Settlement in Virginia or Kentucky, is founded in necessity for the protection of a number of Families, they not being able to furnish themselves elsewhere, have agreed to permit their purchasing one hundred pounds weight at York Town, in this Province, if the Committee of that Place think fit to spare the same.

The above minute was signed by the president & Colo. Slaughter, furnished therewith.

September 8th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro tem'y.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Anthony Wayne,
John Cadwalader,	Richard Reily,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.	Andrew Allen,

Major George Etherington, having come hither with an intention, as he says, of going for England, this Board thought proper to take the following Parole of him:

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"I, George Etherington, Major in the second Battalion of his Majesty's Loyal American Regiment, a prisoner in the power of the Committee of Safety, for the Province of Pennsylvania, and being kindly treated and protected by them, and enlarged on Parole, do Hereby Solemnly promise and engage, on the Honor of a Soldier and a Gentleman, that I will not bear Arms against the American united Colonies, in any manner whatever, for the space of twelve months, or until I may be exchanged; nor will I, during that time, take any measures to give intelligence to General Gage, or the British Ministry, or to any Person or Persons whatever, relative to American affairs; also, in case this my Parole is not accepted in exchange for any officer of equal Rank in the American Service, who may be taken Prisoner by the Brittish Troops, I do hereby, in any such case, on Notice, Promise to repair to and give myself up to the said Committee of Safety, as a Prisoner,

(Signed) "GEO. ETHERINGTON.

"Dated Philad'a, 8th Sept'r, 1775."

Agreeable to the request of Major Etherington, he was furnish'd with a Copy of his Parole, and the following certificate:

"These are to Certify, to all Persons to whom these presents may appear, that the above writing is a true Copy of the Parole of Honor given by the bearer, Major Etherington, of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, to the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania. It is, therefore, recommended to such Persons, that the said Major Etherington be permitted to pass where his business may lead him, without any hindrance or Molestation."

Ordered, That Mr. Towers, Commiss'y, attend Mr. Nicholson in proving the Firelocks, and that he furnish such quantity of Powder as is necessary for that purpose.

Resolved, That Capt. White purchase of Mr. Binks, thirty Cartridge Boxes, for the use of the armed Boats.

September 11th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

Present, only four Members:

John Dickinson,	Daniel Roberdeau,
William Edmonds,	John Cadwalader.

Robert Towers, Commiss'y, Reports his having received the following articles, and Stored them at the State House, viz't:

28 Muskets & Bayonets, from John Nicholson.
28 Scabbards for do., from Wool'k Ming.
1 cwt. 3qr. 26 ℔ Lead, from Owen Biddle, & Eb'r Call.
3 Bullet Moulds belonging to the Province of Dunwick, Will & Hasencliver.
3 half Barrels Powder, } 350 lbs., from Geo. Lush, in Powder
6 quarter do., } House.

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September 12th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Robert White,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Ross,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	John Cadwalader.

Resolved, That Mr. Robert White have an order on Mr. Mich'l Hillegas, Treasurer to this Board, for the sum of one thousand Pounds, for the payment of Tradesmens' Bills; which was accordingly drawn and signed by the President.

September 13th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

Present: Only 5 Members.

Benjamin Franklin,	William Edmonds,
Robert Morris,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	

September 14th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
John Dickinson,	Robert Morris,
Daniel Roberdeaux,	John Cadwalader,
George Ross,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
William Edmonds,	George Gray.

Capt. James Irvine presented a Memorial & representation to this Board, concerning himself and the Regulation of the first Battalion, which, after being read and considered, it was agreed that the following recommendation be given to Capt. Irvine, and the other Captains of said Battalion.

The Committee of Safety, taking into consideration the disputes at present subsisting in the first Battalion, recommend it to the Captains of that Battalion to settle among themselves the Rank of the several Companies, in such manner as may be generally satisfactory; or if they cannot agree among themselves, to draw Lotts acording to the 16th Article of the Rules for Establishing Rank or precedence amongst the Pennsylvania Associators.

Resolved, That the Chevaux de Frize be sunk in the river opposite the Fort, as has been agreed to; And that Capt. White & Sam'l Morris, jun'r, be appointed a Committee to see the same done as soon as possible.

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That the Boat Built by Samuel Robins, be called the Ranger, & that Capt. James Montgomery take the command of her.

Resolved, That the Boat Built by John Rice, be called the Dickenson, And that he, the said John Rice take the Command of her.

That the Boat built by ——— Eyres, be called the Congress, And that Capt. John Hamilton take the Command of said Boat.

Resolved, That Mr. John Nesbitt be appointed Pay Master to the Officers and Men to be employed on board the Armed Boats, and that he be allowed thirty Dollars ℔ month for his services, and that this Committee pay for the Books, paper, &ca., that he may have occasion for in said service.

Resolved, That the Wages of the Lieutenants to be employed on Board the Armed Boats, be increased to fourteen Dollars ℔ Month.

Resolved, That Mr. Benjamin Thompson be appointed Lieutenant to the Armed Boat called the Experiment.

September 15th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Robert Morris,	George Ross,
William Edmonds,	John Cadwalader,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Gray.
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,	

Commissions were this day signed by the President for the following Gentlemen as Captains, and dated as follows, viz't:

No. 1.	July 17, 1775,	for Henry Dougherty,	of the Washington.
2.	18,	for John Rice,	Dickenson.
3.	24,	for Charles Alexander,	Chatham.
4.	Aug't 1,	for Nicholas Biddle,	Franklin.
5.	2,	for John Hamilton,	Congress.
6.	3,	for Allen Moore,	Effingham.
7.	31,	for James Montgomery,	Ranger.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on Mr. Robert Morris in favour of Jno. Nicholson, for One hundred and fifty-eight pounds, fifteen shillings, being for the payment of 28 Firelocks for the use of the armed Boats, and eleven pattern Guns sent to the Commissioners and Assessors of each County in this Province, which order was accordingly drawn and deliver'd Mr. Nicholson.

A letter was this day wrote to the Committee of York County, respecting the associators, signed by the president and sent ℔ Jos. Elliott.

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Sent this day by Joseph Elliott & John Williams,
50 Articles of Association & Recommendation for the Committee, Lancaster Co'y.
50 ditto & do. for the Committee, York County.

Resolved, That Mr. Gibbs Jones be appointed a Lieutenant of the Armed Boat Ranger, Commanded by Capt. James Montgomery.

September 16th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Robert Morris,
William Edmonds,	George Gray,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Dickinson,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Robert White,
Samuel Morris, jun'r..	John Cadwalader.

Sent to Henry Wynkoop, for the use of the Associators in Bucks County:
50 Articles of Association & Recommendation,
50 ditto in the Dutch Language,

The Board came to sundry resolves, viz't:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That all Pilots of the Bay and River Delaware, ought to use their utmost endeavours to avoid going or being taken on Board British ships of war or armed vessels, during the present struggle for Liberty.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that all Pilots of the Bay and River Delaware, ought to lay up their Boats on or before the 20th day of September inst., and cautiously avoid going on any navigable water or other place on Land or Water, where they may probably fall within the power of British Men of War, armed Vessells or Boats, or within the Power of Men Landed from such.

Resolved, That any Pilot or other person who shall conduct or bring any British Man of war, Armed Vessell, Boat or other Craft, up the Bay of Delaware, shall, on being released from that service, forthwith repair to this Committee, there to prove by such means as may be in his power, that he was compelled by force into that service, and such pilot or other person not appearing to this Board within five days after his first Landing, unless put on shoar at too great a distance, shall be considered as having Voluntarily performed the said service.

Resolved, That any pilot, or other person acting as a Pilot, in Delaware Bay & River, who shall refuse or neglect to lay up his Boat or Craft, or who shall put himself in the way of being forcibly taken on board the King's Ships, or who shall voluntarily serve, or

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offer to serve or instruct them in the navigation of the said Bay and River, shall on proof thereof made to this Board, be deemed an Enemy to American Liberty, a Traytor to his Country, and as such published and held forth to the Public.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Pilots of the Bay and River Delaware should remain on shore at Cape Henlopen or Cape May, until such Merchants Vessells as arrive send their Boats on shore for a Pilot, when one may repair on Board, provided there is not any Man of War in sight, or in the said Bay and River, but if there is, the Captains of such Merchantman must do the best they can for the safety of their Ships, as no Pilots must go on Board in such Case.

Resolved That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the owners of such Ships as are brought up during the time these resolves remain in force, ought to allow such reasonable additional Pilotage as the Board of Wardens may fix, towards bearing the Pilots expence down to the Cape by Land.

F. Resolved, That it is necessary for this Board to be constantly and early informed when any Men of-War, armed Vessells, Boats or Crafts arrive at the Capes of Delaware; and therefore, That Mr. Henry Fisher, of Lewis Town, be appointed on this service, for which a Reasonable Reward, proportioned to his trouble, loss of time, and actual expences, shall hereafter be allowed him. And that the following be his instructions:

Instructions from the Committee of Safety at Philadelphia, To Mr. Henry Fisher at Lewis Town.

You are immediately to repair down to Lewis Town, and remain there constantly, (until discharged from this service,) for the purpose of giving advice to this Board of Every Brittish Man of-War or armed Vessel that may arrive at the Capes of Delaware. We deliver you herewith, an order from the Board of Wardens to the keeper of the Light House, directing him to make such signals by Day and Night, on discovering any Ship or Vessell standing in for the Land as you and he may agree on, and you must immediately repair to the properest place for discovering what they are, and when you are convinced of the arrival of one or more Men of-War intending up this River, you are to send us advice thereof, either by Land or Water, as you conceive best, mentioning the number of the Enemy Ships, and their force and manner of proceeding, as nearly as you can ascertain these circumstances; when you send intelligence by water, you should avoid sending Pilots, or persons that can serve as Pilots to the Enemy, least they fall within their power.

F. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Buoys in the Bay of Delaware ought to be taken up immediately, and that the Wardens of the Port be desired to give orders for its

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being done, and to give orders to the keeper of the light to make such Signals by Day or night, as Mr. Henry Fisher and he may agree on, upon seeing Vessells Standing inwards.

F. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that Six Six pound cannon be lent to the inhabitants of Lewis Town and Pilot Town, near Cape Henlopen, with Ammunition for the Same, to defend themselves from any Hostile attacks; they giving Security to return the Cannon on demand, and in expectation that the Committee of Safety for the three Lower Counties will repay the quantity of Ammunition, or its value in Money, in a reasonable time.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that if any Pilot, or Pilot Boat, should be wanted for especial or particular purposes, during the time these Resolves remain in Force, application should be made to this Board, who will grant a Certificate to the Pilot or Person employed, on finding the Public good is connected with his Service.

Resolved, That Mr. White & Mr. R't Morris, apply to the Board of Wardens for the taking up the Buoys, agreeable to the preceding Resolutions.

Colo. Roberdeau & Colo. Cadwalader are requested to borrow Six Six pound Cannon, and to give an assurance to the person who will lend them, that they shall be returned in good order; or, in case they Should sustain any Damage, or be lost, that this Board will pay such damage or loss; And that the said Guns be provided with a proper quantity of ammunition, the whole being lent to the Inhabitants of Lewis Town and Pilot Town, for their defence.

The President gave an order on Mr. Robert Morris, in favour of Robert Towers, for £11 18s. 3½, being for 79¾ lbs. Salt Petre, which he has purchased and Stored.

Resolved, That Colo. Dickinson and Colo. Cadwalader be a Committee to draw up a Memorial to the Honorable House of Assembly, setting forth the necessity of their granting a further sum of Money, And Recommending the building Magazines in some convenient place.

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Morris and Mr. Robert White, furnish an Estimate of the Cost of the Boats and Chevaux de Frize.

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Morris and Mr. Tho's Wharton furnish an Estimate of the cost of Powder, Salt petre, Fire Arms, &ca., that they have purchased and sent for.

Mr. John Ross, Merchant, made application to this Board to be appointed Muster Master of the officers and Men to be employ'd on board the armed Boats, and informs this Board that he will undertake, for the good of the Service, to do the said duty of Muster Master, Gratis.

Resolved, That Mr. Ross be appointed Muster Master, agreeable to the preceding minute.

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The President gave an order on Mr. Robert Morris, in favor of Mr. Duff, for three pounds seventeen Shillings.

And an order on Mr. Morris, in favor of Stocker & Wharton, for the sum of two hundred & Sixty-one pounds Seventeen Shillings & 9d., for Sundry Medecines.

Deliver'd Mr. Henry Fisher his instructions from this Board, and the Resolves of this day, marked F.

September 19th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro tem'y.

John Cadwalader,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Robert White,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Sam'l Morris, jun'r.,	George Ross.

Resolved, That Capt. John Moulder be appointed to the Command of one of the Armed Boats.

Resolved, That Capt. James Blair be appointed to the Command of one of the Armed Boats.

Resolved, That Capt. Robert Eyres be appointed to the Command of one of the Armed Boats.

Resolved, That the following Gentlemen be appointed Lieutenants on board the Armed Boats:

Jeremiah Simmons,
John Chatham,
James Allen,
George Garland.

Robert Towers, Commiss'y, Reports his having receiv'd & stored the following articles, Vizt.:

788	Round Shot, - -	18 pounders.	Receiv'd from Mr. George Taylor, stored at the State House.
168	ditto, - - -	24 ditto.	
77	ditto, - - -	32 ditto.	

79¾ pounds Salt Petre, Purchased of Meminger & Dorsey.

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September 20th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro tem'y.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Andrew Allen,
Anthony Wayne,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Michael Swoope,	John Cadwalader.

Resolved, That Richard Wells, Pilot, be permitted to go to the Capes with his Boat, with a caution to him to avoid going or being taken on board any man-of-Warr or other British armed vessell.

Resolved, That Daniel Murphy, Pilot, be permitted to take down the River & Bay of Delaware, the Brig't. Nancy, Capt. Douglass, belonging to Messrs. Howell & Douglass; and that the said Murphy avoid going or being taken on board any Man-of-War, or other British armed Vessell.

Colo. Dickinson, agreeable to a resolve of the Congress, applyed to this board for a State of the account of Powder between this board & the Congress, when he was furnished with following account:

The Continental Congress in Account with the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania.

DR.

1775.		lbs.
Aug't 2d.	—To Sundry Casks of Powder deliver'd to Patrick Henry, Esq'r, wt.,	2044
11.	—To Sundry Casks of Powder sent to General Schuyler in 1 Waggon,	2136
Sep'r 4.	—To Sundry Casks of Powder sent to General Washington in 2 Waggons,	4012
	To damaged powder that was receiv'd of Cap't Markoe,	25
		8217
	Balance of Powder due the Congress,	803¼
		9020¼

CR.

1775.		lbs.
July 31st.	—By Sundry Casks of Powder receiv'd from Capt. Markoe, wt.,	3995¼
Aug't 19.	—By Sundry Casks of Powder receiv'd from Major Sam'l Mifflin,	3225

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Aug't 26.—By Sundry Casks of Powder imported in the Lady, Capt. Ord, from Bermuda, . - 1800

9020½

N. B.—There is upwards of 7 cwt. of the powder imported from Bermuda that is not fit for use.

September 21st.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Daniel Roberdeau,	John Montgomery,
Anthony Wayne,	William Edmonds,
Benjamin Bartholomew,	Bernard Dougherty,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Samuel Hunter,
Michael Swope,	John Cadwalader.

Robert Towers, Commiss'y, Reports his having receiv'd the following parcels of powder, which is Stored in the Powder House.

4 half Barrels, w't, 200 lbs.,
6 quarter Do. 150
—350 lbs. from Oswald Eve.
3 quarter Do. 75 lbs. from ditto, being part of the damag'd powder belonging to the Congress.

September 22nd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President Pro tempore.

Owen Biddle,	Anthony Wayne,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	George Ross,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Andrew Allen,
Michael Swope,	John Montgomery.

Resolved, That John Lambert, a Pilot, be permitted to pilot down the River and Bay of Delaware, from New-Castle, the Ship Peace and plenty, Capt. McKenzie, and he is warned by this Committee to avoid going or being taken on board any Man of War, or other British armed Vessells.

Resolved, That Luke Shields be permitted to take his Boat down to the Capes, and there to lay her up.

Resolved, That Mr. Towers, Commiss'y, keep the Key of the Powder Magazine in his possession, and that he suffer no person to enter it, but those that are necessary to Employ therein; And that he desire Capt. Spring to attend this Board, that he may be treated with for the hire of the Magazine.

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Major Rogers having arrived in this City from England, and being on half pay in the British Army, this Board think it necessary that he should be taken prisoner. Colo. Roberdeau, at the request of this Board, accordingly gave directions to Capt. Bradford to take the said Major Rogers a prisoner, and bring him before them.

And Colo. Ross wrote to the Congress to have their directions what they would have them to do with him.

Capt. Bradford, according to directions, brought Major Rogers prisoner to this Board, but not having an answer from the Congress it was thought proper that he should give his word of Honor to appear before this Board to-Morrow Morning, 9 o'clock, which word he accordingly gave.

Mr. Samuel Slade, who lately came from England, was brought before this Board by Capt. Loxley, and charged with his being frequently observed to take an account of the Cannon & Carriages in the State House Yard, and has made inquiries respecting the different constructions of Machines, Boats, &ca., for the defence of this Province; this Board having examined him, and perused several of his papers and Letters, which he produced for his vindication, are of opinion that he had no bad intentions in making the above inquiries; therefore, gave directions for his being released, with a Charge to him that he inform this Board when he intends to leave this Province.

Resolved, That Captain Samuel Davidson be appointed to the Command of one of the Armed Boats.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Savage be allowed Seven Shillings & Six pence ℔ day for his Services, from the 18th of July to this 22nd Inst., being 66 days, amounting to £24 15s, for which an order was drawn in his favour on Mr. Robert Morris.

September 23rd—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Benjamin Bartholomew,
John Montgomery,	Robert Morris,
Bernard Dougherty,	Thomas Warton, jun'r.,
Samuel Hunter,	Owen Biddle,
Andrew Allen,	Daniel Roberdeau.
Michael Swope,	

In answer to what Col'o. Ross wrote yesterday to the Congress, respecting Major Rogers, this Board was furnish'd with the following Resolve, viz't:

"In Congress, 22nd September, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That in case the Committee find nothing against Major Rogers, except that of his being a half pay officer, that he

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be discharged, on giving his Parole not to take up arms against the Inhabitants of America, in the present Controversy between Great Brittain and America.

"A true Copy from the Minutes. Signed,
"CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y."

Major Rogers, agreeable to his word of Honor yesterday, attended this Board, and in consequence of the above resolve of Congress, this Board took the following Parole, viz't:

"I, Robert Rogers, Major on half pay in his Majesty's army, a Prisoner in the Custody of the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania, and being kindly treated and protected by them, and enlarged on Parole, Do hereby solemnly promise & engage, on the Honor of a Soldier and Gentleman, that I will not bear arms against the American United Colonies in any manner whatever, during the present contest between them and great Britain, and that I will not in that time attempt to give intelligence to General Gage, the British Ministry, or any other person or persons, of any Matters relative to America.

"Signed, ROBERT ROGERS, Major."

Agreeable to the request of Major Rogers, he was furnished with a Copy of his parole, and the following Certificate, viz't:

"These are to certify to all persons to whom these presents may appear, that the above writing is a true Copy of the Parole of Honor given by the bearer, Major Rob't Rogers, to the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania; it is therefore recommended to such persons, that the said Major Rogers be permitted to pass where his business may lead him, without any hindrance or molestation."

An order was drawn and signed by the president on Robert Morris, in favour of Joseph Sims, for three pounds fifteen shillings, being for 25 lb. Salt Petre.

Resolved, That Edward Chamberlain be appointed Master-at-Arms, and Armourer for the armed Boats, and that he be allowed fourteen Dollars ℔ Month for his services.

Deliver'd an order to Cap't Hamilton, on Robert Towers, Commiss'y:

For 2 Cartridges for a 24 pounder.
24 ditto for Musketts.

Resolved, That Col'o. Cadwalader & Mr. Samuel Morris, be a Committee to examine the Cartridge Boxes, Knapsakes, &ca., that are made for the use of this County, and if they are made agreeable to the patterns, That they give orders to the Commissary to receive them into Store.

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September 25th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

SAMUEL MORRIS, jun'r Presid't Pro. tem.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r, Daniel Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle, William Edmonds,
Michael Swope, John Dickinson.
John Cadwalader,

Resolved, That Isaac Rotch, Pilot, be permitted to Pilot down the River and Bay of Delaware, the Brig't Sally Warren Lisle, Nichol, Mr., which vessell put into Christian in distress, the said Isaac Rotch, Pilot, is caution'd to avoid going or being taken on board any Ship of War, or other British armed Vessell.

The Committee of York County having purchased the following quantity of Gunpowder & Lead, which is secured by them in York Town, for the security and defence of this Province, Vizt:

	£	s	d
49 Quarter Casks powder, wt. 1225 lbs. which cost	178	14	0
3770 lbs Lead, cost	69	6	5
Carriage from Philad'a to York Town,	11	6	6
	£259	6	11

Resolved, That this Committee take the above mention'd Powder & Lead, purchas'd by the Committee of York County, for the use of this Province, at the price the same was purchased at by them, And that Mr. Michael Swope, a Member of this Committee, & Mr. John Hay, a Commissioner of said County, be appointed to see that the said Powder & Lead is properly secured. And that Mr. Michael Swope have an order on the Treasurer of this Board, for the amount of the same. Agreeable thereto, an order was drawn of this date on said Treasurer, for the said sum of two hundred and fifty-nine pounds six shillings and eleven pence, and signed by Samuel Morris, jun'r, President Pro. Tem.

Resolved, That George Jackson, Pilot, be permitted to Pilot down the River and Bay of Delaware the Sloop Adventure, Benj'n Clark, M'r, and he the said Pilot, is hereby caution'd to avoid going or being taken on board any Ship of war, or other British Armed Vessell.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq., Treasurer to this Board, in favor of Mr. Robert White, for the sum of two thousand Pounds, being towards the payment of the building the armed Boats and Chevaux de Frize, which order was accordingly drawn and signed by Samuel Morris, Pres'dt pro. tem'y.

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Resolved, That Mr. Robert Morris, Mr. Thomas Wharton & Mr. Robert White, or any two of them, be a Committee to receive all accounts, and to inspect and certify those that are right to this Board.

This Board was furnish'd with an account from the City Committee against the Continental Congress, for the following quantitys of Gun Powder delivered them, vizt:

98 Quarter Casks powder sent to General Washington, cost,	367	10
52 ditto. sent to Ticonderoga,	195	
12 Strong Hh'ds & packing a 15s & halling,	10	4
	£572	14

Which powder was added to the account deliver'd by this Board to the Congress the 20th inst., in manner following:

Continental Congress in account with the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania.

Dr.

To 98 quarter Casks powder sent to Gen'l Washington by the City Committee,	wt	lbs 2450
52 quarter Casks powder sent to Ticonderoga by the City Committee,		1300
	lbs.	3750

Cr.

Sep. 20th, 1775, By Bal'a due Congress in Powder,	803½
By Balance due Committee of Safety,	2946½
lbs.	3750

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September 25th, 1775.

Capt. Spring attended this Board agreeable to a resolve of the 22d inst., and they came to a Resolve, That the said Capt. Spring be allowed the Common Storage for the Powder that now is, or hereafter may be put in the Magazine by this Committee.

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September 26th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT.

Benjamin Franklin,	Thomas Wharton, jr.,
Robert Morris,	Daniel Roberdeau,
John Montgomery,	Michael Swope,
Bernard Dougherty,	William Edmonds,
Samuel Hunter,	George Ross.
Owen Biddle,	

Deliver'd to Lieut. Gibbs Jones, for the armed Boat Ranger, two Brass Howitzers, which were made by Mr. King.

Deliver'd an order to Edward Chamberlain, Master at Arms, on Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary :

For 28 Muskets, made by Nicholson.
28 Cartridge Boxes, made by Binks.
20 Round of Cartridge for each Musket.

Upon the application of the Committee of Correspondence of Westmoreland County, for a quantity of Powder and Lead for the defence of the Frontiers,

Resolved, That Mr. Michael Swope & Mr. John Hay of York County, do deliver to Captain Samuel Morehead of Westmoreland County, out of the Public Stock, five hundred weight of Powder & twelve hundred and fifty pounds of Lead, and that the same be placed in the hands of the Committee of Westmoreland, for the public use of said County, and the Committee are requested to take particular care that the same be not Expended but in the Public defence.

Resolved, That the Committee of said County be accountable to this Committee for the same when called upon.

Resolved, That orders be drawn on the Treasurer of this Board, in favor of the Commissioner & Assessors of each County in this Province, for the different sums as affixed to each County, being towards the Payment of arms and accoutriments they are to furnish respectively, vizt. :

For Philadelphia County,	£1500	For Berks County,	£400
Bucks County,	300	Northampton County,	300
Chester County,	500	Bedford County,	100
Lancaster County,	600	Northumberland County,	100
York County,	300	Westmoreland County,	100
Cumberland County,	300		

John Philip DeHaas having presented a Memorial to this Board relative to some disputes subsisting between Colo. Grubb of Lancaster County & him, respecting the division of said Colo. Grubb's Battalion;

The Committee taking the same into Consideration, Do

Resolve, That it be recommended to the Committee of Lancaster County, to hear the matter in dispute between Colo. Grubb & Ma-

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jor DeHaas, and determine it agreeable to the regulations published by this Board for establishing Rank and precedence amongst the Pennsylvania Associators; & it is also recommended to those Gentlemen to refer their disputes to said Committee, but subject to an appeal to this Board if the parties think proper, who may agree upon a day to attend, most suitable to them.

September 27th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Daniel Roberdeau,
John Cadwalader,	Owen Biddle,
Samuel Hunter,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Bernard Dougherty,	Andrew Allen,
John Montgomery,	Anthony Wayne,
Michael Swope,	George Ross.

Resolved, That Mr. Towers, Commiss'y, alter the Cartridges that he has made for the Cannon, by decreasing the quantity of Powder to one-fourth the weight of the Ball, and the Cartridges made for the Field Pieces to be decreased to 1-5 or 1-6 the weight of the Ball, according to the Strength of the Powder.

Resolved, That Doct'r Benjamin Rush be appointed Physician & Surgeon to the armed Boats, and that the Commanding Officers of the Boats be informed that they apply to him for themselves and People for Assistance in case of need.

September 29th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Michael Swope,
Anthony Wayne,	Robert Morris,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Samuel Hunter,	Francis Johnston,
Bernard Dougherty,	Owen Biddle.
John Montgomery,	

Agreeable to a resolve of the 26th, the orders therein mention'd to be drawn on the Treasurer of this Board, in favour of the different Commissioners and assessors, was this day done, and signed by the President.

An order was this day drawn on the Treasurer of this Board, in favour of the Commissioners and Assessors of York County, for one hundred and thirty-two pounds Sixteen Shillings, being towards the payment of Cartridge Boxes, &ca., made for the use of that County, which order was delivered to Michael Swope, Esq'r.

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The order drawn agreeable to resolve of the 26th, in favour of the Commissioners & Assessors of York County, for three hundred pounds, was this day delivered to Michael Swope, Esq'r.

The order drawn agreeable to a resolve of the 26th inst., in favour of the Commissioners & Assessors of Chester County, for five hundred Pounds, was this day delivered to Anthony Wayne, Esq'r.

The order drawn agreeable to a resolve of the 26th inst., in favour of the Commissioners & Assessors of Cumberland County, for three hundred Pounds, was this day delivered to John Montgomery, Esq'r.

The order drawn agreeable to a resolve of the 26th inst., in favour of the Commissioners & Assessors of Northumberland County, for one hundred Pounds, was this day delivered to Samuel Hunter, Esq'r.

A Memorial to the Assembly was this day drawn up, Read, and agreed to, with an Estimate of the Moneys expended and to be expended for the use of this Province, and are as follows:

"*To the Honorable the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met:*

"*The Memorial of the Committee of Safety, Respectfully Sheweth:*

"That the said Committee, in obedience to the orders of the House, have taken upon them the Execution of the important trust committed to them, and proceeded to such measures as appear'd to them necessary to effectuate the purposes for which they were appointed. The Minutes of their transactions, together with an Estimate of the Expences incurred for the putting this Province into a proper State of defence, are, with great deference, submitted to the Consideration of the House. From these it will appear that the Sum of Money granted by the House at their last Sessions, has been either wholly expended or remitted for the purchase of arms and ammunition. That a Considerable sum is still necessary to fulfill the engagements already made for the above purposes, and for the paying and vitualing of the Men in the Service.

"It must be obvious to the House, that much yet remains to be done to accomplish their salutary intentions, particularly if the British Ministry should obstinately persist in their present arbitrary Measures. Should this be the case, (which, from the present appearance of things, seems but to probable,) this opportunity may, perhaps, be the only one we shall be poss'd of to prepare the necessary means for the defence of our just rights, for there can be no doubt that vigorous Exertions will be made to intercept future supplies; the Committee, therefore, apprehend it to be their indispensible duty earnestly to recommend it to the House, to grant such

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future liberal aids, at their present sessions, as may, in their wisdom, be judged adequate to the exigencies of the Province at this very important Crisis.

"They beg leave, also, to represent to the House, that there appears to be an immediate necessity for constructing a magazine or Magazines to receive the Powder already in the Province, and such as may arrive hereafter; large quantitys are shortly expected, and there is no place where it can be stored with Safety, or any way guarded against accidents, which that article, from its nature, must be exposed to, and which it is of Considerable moment to prevent.

"The Committee having thus laid before the House the steps they have already taken, and their opinion of some measures which appear proper to be adopted, beg leave, before they conclude this report, to submit to the House a matter interesting to the public welfare.

"The Military Association enter'd into by numbers of the Good People of this Province has receiv'd the approbation of the House, & undoubtedly deserves every encouragement, as a Body of Freemen, animated by a love of Liberty, and trained to the use of Arms, afford the most certain and effectual Defence against the approaches of Slavery & oppression. It is to be wished, therefore, that this spirit could have been more universally diffused; but the Associators complain, and with great appearance of Reason, that Whilst they are subjected to Expences to accoutre themselves as Soldiers, and their affairs suffer considerably by the time necessarily employed in acquiring a knowledge of the Military Art, very many of their Country Men, who have not associated, are intirely free from these Inconveniences. They conceive that where the Liberty of all is at stake, every Man should assist in its support, and that where the cause is common, and the benefits derived from an opposition are universal, it is not Consonant to Justice or Equity that the Burthens should be partial.

"The Committee, therefore, would Submit it to the Wisdom of the House, whether, at this time of general Distress and Danger, some plan should not be devised to oblige the assistance of every member of the Community. But as there are some Persons who, from their religious Principles, are scrupulous of the Lawfulness of bearing arms, this Committee, from a tender regard to the consciences of such, would venture to propose, that their Contributions to the Common Cause should be pecuniary, and for that purpose a Rate or assessment be laid on their Estates, equivalent to the expence and loss of time incurred by the associators. A measure of this kind appears to be founded on the principles of impartial Justice, calculated to appease the Complaints which have been made, likely to give general Satisfaction, and be, of course, beneficial to the great cause we are engaged in.

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"Your Committee beg leave to represent, that it will be necessary to appoint a Commodore, or Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Boats, which has been delayed hitherto, out of respect to your Honourable House.

"Signed, B. FRANKLIN.

"September 29th, 1775."

An Estimate of Moneys already expended and to be expended for the Defence of the Province of Pennsylvania, Submitted to the Honorable House of Assembly by the Committee of Safety, September 29th, 1775:

Remitted to different parts of Europe by Sundry conveyances, for the purchase of Arms, Ammunition & Medecines,	20,300	0	0
Remitted to different parts of America for the same purposes,	8,200	0	0
Paid for Medecines bought here and now ready for the service of such as may be wounded or fall sick in the service,	420	0	0
13 Armed Boats or Gondolos Built, armed and equipped; Estimated at £550 each,	7,150	0	0
17 Cheveaux De Frize, or defensive Machines, to be sunk in the River Delaware, to prevent Enemy ships coming against the City of Philadelphia, at £100 each,	1,700	0	0
Cannon and Grape Shot bought,	522	0	0
Small Arms Bought,	119	0	0
Pattern Musketts, &c. for the Countys,	57	10	0
Robert Tower's Account for various Expenses & Services,	61	17	0
Thomas Savage's Services, &ca.	22	17	6
Sundry Contigent Expences, supposed not less than	500	00	0
4,500 Muskets and apparatus, order'd by Asembly for Minute Men, supposed will Cost	23,625	00	0
26 Howitzers for the Boats,	169	00	0
Swivel Guns, Small Arms, &ca. for do	2,500	00	0
3 months Pay and victualing 53 Men in each Armed Boat, including officers, Estimated at £202 6 3 p month each Boat, is	7,890	3	9
Besides the money actually remitted for the purchase of ammunition and arms, Credits are given to the agents employed in that service to draw on London and this place to the extent of Ten Thousand pounds, if they can obtain the articles wanted, and remittances must soon be made to answer these credits, Some Members of this Committee having pledged their private credit on behalf of the Public,	10,000	0	0

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Freight of Sundry ships employed to bring the arms and ammunition, with the Commissions of a Factor sent in each ship to make the purchase; this article cannot be exactly ascertained, but the quality being considerable may be reasonably supposed at - - - - - -	4,000	0	0
	£87,237	8	3

Expence of building a Magazine or Magazines, with other charges and Expences that may be expected to arise if this most unhappy contest continues.

N. B.—It should be observed that the great expence appears by this Estimate to be for Arms and Ammunition, and these are worth the full sum they will cost, or might at this time be disposed of to profit.

Samuel Slade, having promis'd this Board that he would not leave this Province without their permission, he this day requested liberty of going to New York, which Request was granted.

Mr. Owen Biddle, by order, wrote this Day to the Committee of York County, respecting the Associators there.

Resolved,

That the Boat Built by Wark. Coats be called the Burk.
That the Boat Built by Wm. Williams be call'd the Hancock.
That the Boat Built by —— Sherlock be call'd the Camden.

September 30th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Bernard Dougherty,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Owen Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau.
Michael Swope,	

Resolved, That as the Boats of War are now equipped and partly manned for service, and there is a probability that we may be reduced to the unhappy necessity of using them in the Defence of this City, and on inquiry it being found impracticable either to purchase, or have made, any Fire arms in proper time for our Defence, it is therefore, earnestly Recommended to those associators who have the Provincial Arms in their Possession, to Deliver them to our Commissary, Robert Towers, that they may be employed in that necessary service, and it is desired that Colo. Dickinson, Colo. Roberdeau & Colo. Cadwallader, apply to the Captains of their Respective Battalions for a list of the names of those Associators who have possession of the said Arms, in order that our Commissary may apply to them for the same.

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Resolved, That the Inhabitants of Lewis & Pilot Towns be supplied with the following quantity of Ammunition, which they are to Repay when Demanded by this Committee, Vizt:

200 Pounds of Gun Powder,
600 Pounds of Lead,
20 Round of Grape Shot, } for 9 Pounders.
12 Round of Cannon Ball, }

Agreeable to the above Resolve, an order was drawn on the Commissary for the Ammunition therein mentioned, and delivered to Mr. Henry Neall.

A Letter was this day wrote to the Committee of Safety of Sussex County, & directed to John Dagworthy, Esqr., informing that this Board has Sent the Ammunition, agreeable to a Resolve of this Day.

October 2nd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	George Gray,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Cadwalader,
Bernard Dougherty,	Owen Biddle.
Robert Morris,	

Two orders, drawn the 29th Ult., agreeable to a Resolve of the 26th, were deliver'd to Bernard Dougherty, Esqr, to forward, vizt.:

"One in favour of the Commissioners & Assessors of Bedford County, for £100.

"One in favor of the Commissioners & Assessors of Westmoreland County, £100."

Mr. Towers, Commissionary, Reports his having delivered the following Articles to Mr. Henry Neall, agreeable to a Resolve of the 30th ult., vizt.:

200 pounds of Gun Powder.
6 Cwt. Lead.
180 lbs. Grape Shot.
12 6 & 4 pound Round Shot.

Resolved, That Capt. Alexander Henderson be appointed to the Command of one of the Armed Boats.

This Day the Commissions for the undermention'd Officers appointed on Board the Armed Boats, were Signed by the President, and dated as follows, Vizt.:

September 19th, 1755. No. 8. James Blair, Captain of the Burke.
20, 9. Richard Eyres, Captain of the Camden.
21, 10. Samuel Davidson, Captain of the Warren.

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September	22, 1775, No.	11. John Moulder, Captain of the Hancock.
October	2,	12. Alexander Henderson, Captain of the Bull Dog.
August	29,	1. Nathan Boyce, Lieutenant of the Washington.
	30,	2. Robert Pomeroy, Lieut. of the Bull Dog.
September	1,	3. Hugh Montgomery, Lieut. of the Congress.
	2,	4. Thomas Houston, Lieut. of the Franklin.
	15,	5. Gibbs Jones, Lieut. of the Ranger.
	18,	6. James Allen, Lieut. of the Dickinson.
	19,	7. Jeremiah Simmons, Lieut. of the Warren.
	20,	8. John Chatham, Lieut. of the Burke.
	21,	9. George Garland, Lieut. of Camden.
	23,	10. Benjamin Thompson, Lieut. of the Experiment.
	25,	11. David Ford, Lieut, of the Hancock.

Mr. Pomeroy this day resigned his Office as Lieutenant on Board the Armed Boat Bull Dog, in consequence of this Boards refusing to appoint him Commander of said Boat.

Upon application of Bernard Dougherty, Esqr., for some Gunpowder for the use of Bedford County,

Resolved, That 100 pounds of Powder be lent to said County for the present, and when Convenient this Board will spare them a larger Quantity.

And order was drawn on the Commissary for the Same, & deliver'd Mr. Dougherty.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau & Mr. Owen Biddle, be requested to Examine the Store in which the officers' Baggage was put that came from Ireland, and report the quantity that Remains there.

October 3rd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert White,
Owen Biddle,	John Cadwalader,
George Gray,	Bernard Dougherty.
Samuel Morris, jun'r.	

Deliver'd Cap't. Montgomery of the Ranger, an order to receive from Robert Towers, Commissary:

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1 Box of Ammunition for an 18 Pound Cannon.
4 pounds Powder.
20 Round Grape Shot for the Cohorns.
40 Rounds of Cartridges for the Swivels.
And shot in proportion for the whole.

Upon application from the Continental Congress, to know if this Board had occasion for a number of Carbines & Pistols they had made, It is

Resolved, That this Board will take the said Carbines and Pistols for the use of the Armed Boats, provided they are suitable for that purpose.

Mr. Towers, Commiss'y, *Reports* his having receiv'd from Jacob Barge 117 lbs., of Salt-Petre, which came from the Committee of York County.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle apply to George Taylor, Esq'r. for one Ton of Swivel Shot, which is to be made immediately and sent to this City.

Resolved, That John Webb be appointed a Lieutenant to one of the Armed Boats.

Resolved, That John Hennessey be appointed Lieutenant on Board the Armed Boat Effingham, Commanded by Cap't. Allen Moore.

Major Rogers having lost the Copy of his parole and Certificate, as furnished him the 23d ult., this Board, agreeable to his desire ℘ Letter of the 29th., sent him this day ℘ Post, a copy of the said Parole and Certificate.

October 4th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President Pro tem.

Benjamin Franklin,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Bernard Dougherty,	George Ross,
George Gray,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Andrew Allen,	Owen Biddle.

Agreeable to orders given the Master at Arms yesterday, to examine the Carbines and Pistols offered this Board by the Congress, he Reports, that he has examined the said Arms, and finds them bad & unfit for the service they were wanted for by this Board.

On Motion, An order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., Treasurer to this Board, in favour of Mr. Owen Biddle, for one hundred Pounds, and signed by Robert Morris, President Pro. temp'y, being for the Payment of Sundry articles bought by order of this Board.

The Petitions from the Pilots presented to this Board, had this Day a second Reading, and having been well Considered, It is the opinion of this Board that their Petition cannot be granted.

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This Day Commissions were signed for the undermention'd Gentlemen, appointed as Lieutenants on Board the Armed Boats, and Dated as follows:

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October 3rd, No. 12, John Webb, Lieutenant of the Bull Dog.
4th, " 13, John Hennessey, Lieu't. of the Effingham.

October 5th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

Present only 6 Members:

Bernard Dougherty,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Gray,	Owen Biddle,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Andrew Allen.

October 6th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Bernard Dougherty.
Anthony Wayne,	Andrew Allen,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Ross.
Owen Biddle,	

A Warrant and directions for John Ross, Gentleman, was this Day drawn up and approved of, and is as follows:

"In Committee of Safety.

"To John Ross, Gentleman:

"You are hereby appointed Muster Master of the Forces belonging to the Pennsylvania fleet, and authorized to exercise all such powers as may be necessary for the Effectual Discharge of the said office. You are to repair on Board and visit each Boat in the Fleet, once at least in every month, and oftener if occasion should require, or if directed by this Committee. You are there to require the articles signed by the Boat's Company, and carefully to call over their Names, view each of them separately, examine whether they be actually fit for their Respective Duty, and see that their Numbers, Conditions, and abilities, agree with the Returns made by the Captains, and faithfully certify the same on the said Returns. You are also to compare all Draughts and Orders made on the Paymaster by the Captains in favour of the Officers and Privates belonging to the Boats, examine whether the time which they have been in the Service be truly stated, with their ranks, and certify the same accordingly. And all officers and others belonging to the Pennsylva-

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nia Fleet, are hereby strictly enjoined & required at all Times to admit and receive you on board the Boats, and suffer you to proceed in the Duties above specified, without Hindrance or Molestation; And for your so doing this shall be your Warrant."

A Warrant and Directions for John Maxwell Nesbitt, Gentleman, was this day drawn up and approved of, and is as follows:

"In Committee of Safety.

"To John Maxwell Nesbitt, Gentleman:

"You are hereby appointed Paymaster of the Pennsylvania Fleet, and impower'd to do all such Matters and things as may be necessary in the Execution of the said Office. You are regularly to pay all Draughts and orders made on you by the Captains of the armed Boats in favour of the Officers and Privates employed in the Service of the said Boats, which are properly certified by the Muster Master, having strict regard to the Rates fixed and Published by this Committee for the Pay of the said Officers and Privates respectively, And keeping exact accounts and Receipts of all sums of Money by you paid away, and the Names of the Persons to whom, & the Purposes for which they were disbursed; And for your so doing this shall be your Warrant."

Mr. Wharton, Mr. Biddle, & Mr. Dougherty, Report, That they applyed yesterday to the Commissioner of this County for information respecting the progress in making the fifteen hundred Stand of Arms voted by Assembly for the use of this County, and find that none are yet prepared. Therefore, it is ordered, that said Gentlemen be a Committee to wait on the Commissioners and Assessors, and inform them an order is made out and left with the Clerk of this Board, to be deliver'd them, on the Treasurer, for fifteen hundred Pounds, to be paid them as wanted, in order to forward this necessary service; And that if the same be neglected, this Board will think themselves in Duty Bound to make a Representation thereof to Assembly and the Public.

Upon application of Mr. Dunwicke, a Gun Smith now employed in making the Provincial Muskets for Chester County, An Order was given on the Commissary for Two Pounds of Powder to prove some of them now ready.

Ordered, That the Commissary attend Mr. Dunwicke in proving the Muskets for Chester County, and furnish the Powder necessary for that purpose.

Upon Motion,

Resolved, That application be made by this Board to the Committee of Lancaster County, to collect in the Provincial arms now in that County, And send them down to this Committee as soon as possible, and that Mr. Owen Biddle draw up a Letter to said Committee, setting forth the necessity and propriety of this measure.

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Upon Motion,

It is agreed by the Board, That an officer be appointed to receive the Indents from the Captains and officers of the Boats, and to procure the necessary articles for fitting the armed Boats, as Ships Husband for the Fleet.

October 7th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro temp'y.

Owen Biddle,	John Cadwalader,
Bernard Dougherty,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	George Gray,
Andrew Allen,	George Ross.
Anthony Wayne,	

John Morton, Esq'r., a Member of the Continental Congress, deliver'd to this Board the following Resolve of the Congress:

"In Congress, October 6th, 1775.

"On Motion made,

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several Provincial Assemblies or Conventions, and Councils or Committees of Safety, to arrest and secure every Person in their respective Colonies, whose going at large may, in their opinion, endanger the Safety of the Colony, or the Liberties of America.

"A true Copy from the Minutes,

"Signed, CHAS. THOMSON, Sect'y."

Agreeable to a Resolve of Yesterday, A Letter was this day wrote to the Committee of Lancaster County, requesting they would collect and send to this Board what Provincial arms there may be in that County.

Resolved, That James Roberts, Pilot, be permitted to Pilot down the River & Bay of Delaware, the Brig't Charlotte, Capt. Parker; And he is warned by this Committee, to avoid going or being taken on Board any Man of War, or other British Armed Vessel.

Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Wharton & Mr. Biddle, Report:—

That they delivered to Mr. Joseph Fox the copy of the Minute of this Board of Yesterday, relative to the making of the Arms ordered by Assembly, who assured them that he would Communicate it to the Board of Commissioners and Assessors, And that he would use his best Endeavours to promote that necessary business.

Resolved, That Colo. Cadwalader be desired to deliver to the Master at Arms, what Muskets, with the Bayonets, he can spare

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out of a Number he has order'd to be made; And that this Board pay him four Pounds five Shillings for each, being the price he agreed for.

On motion made by Colo. Wayne, That Daniel Sharpless should be employed in making a number of Fire Arms.

Resolved, That Colo. Wayne request the said Sharpless to attend this Board as soon as possible.

Resolved, That the Master at Arms go to the different Smiths in and about this City, who are capable of making Fire Arms & Gun Locks, and desire them that are out of employ to attend this Board.

Colo. Wayne, Colo. Cadwalader, & Mr. Allen, are appointed a Committee to lay before the Committee of Inspection and observation for the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, the Resolve of the Honorable Continental Congress of the 6th October, 1775, deliver'd to this Board by Mr. Morton, and to represent to them that they had receiv'd information that certain Persons had been apprehended by their Committee, for practices inimical to the Liberties of America, and dangerous to the Safety of this Province, And that this Committee apprehend it to be their Duty, under the above resovle, to take the Examination of such Persons, & to proceed to such Measures as their offences require.

The above Committee Reported that they had accordingly waited on the Committee of Inspection and Observation for the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, who informed them that they would take the matter into their immediate Consideration, and acquaint this Board with the Result.

Messrs. Morgan, Lawrence, Wilcocks, Mease, & R. Strettle Jones, a Committee from the Committee of the City and Liberties, waited on this Board, and delivered the following Resolve, with the papers therein mentioned, vizt.:

In Committee, October 7th, 1775.

A Committee of the General Committee of the City & Liberties of Philadelphia, deliver'd the Papers and Letters as follows, to wit:

1. A Deposition of Christopher Carter, taken before Henry Hale Graham, Esqr., Chester.

2. A Paper relative to Doct'r Kearsley's affair of the 6th of September, under the Signature of Frater & Soror.

3. A Letter to the Right Honorable Charles Jenkinson, Esqr., signed a Friend to your Friend Cariolanus, under cover to Thomas Corbyn Holburn, London.

4. A Letter from J. Brooks to Mr. Isaac Lermitte.

5. A Letter Signed John Kearsley, to Lieut. Robert Douglas, Royal Artillery, Boston.

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6. A Note of Residence of Dr. David & Paul Kearsley, Small Papers, Vizt.:

7. No. 1. Relative to Messrs. Bradfords.
8. 2. Being Directions for Executing 6 Prints.
9. 3. A Plan for subduing America.
10. 4. A Scheme for a private Correspondence.
11. An anonymous Letter directed to the Reverend Doct'r Thomas B. Chandler, London. And
12. A Letter Signed Jno. Odell, to Mrs. Bullock, Brixton Causway, Surry, near Westminster.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Papers this Day Read in Committee, be deliver'd to the Committee of Safety, with a state of the proceedings of this Committee with Regard to Doct'r Kearsley & Messrs. L. Snowden and J. Brooks, and that said Committee be informed that we consider those Gentlemen as Enemies to the Liberties of America; Also, that the Committee have not come into any Result concerning the Rev'd Mr. Odell, but have taken his Parole of Honor not to leave this City until dismissed by the Committee of Safety, or this Committee.

Ordered, That Messrs. Morgan, Lawrence, Wilcocks, Mease, & R. Strettle Jones, be a Committee for that purpose.

In Consequence of said Papers, and the Resolve of the Committee of the City and Liberties, this Board thought Proper to Issue the following Warrant to the Gaoler of this City, to take into custody & Safely keep the said Doct'r John Kearsley, J. Brooks, & Leonard Snowden, vizt.:

"In Committee of Safety.

"*To Thomas Dewees, Keeper of the Gaol for the City & County of Philadelphia.*

"You are hereby directed to receive into your Custody the Bodies of John Kearsley, J. Brooks, and Leonard Snowden, charged before us, with practices inimical to the Liberties of America, and dangerous to the Peace and Safety of this Province, and them Safely keep until you shall receive Directions from this Committee for their Discharge, and this shall he your warrant for so doing. Signed,

"ROB'T. MORRIS, Presid't pro temp'y.

"WM. GOVETT, Sect'y.

"Philadelphia, 7th October, 1775."

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October 8th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro temp'y.

Owen Biddle,	Anthony Wayne,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Daniel Roberdeau,
John Cadwalader,	Andrew Allen,
George Ross,	Robert White.
Bernard Dougherty,	

Resolved, That Mr. Towers, Commissary, immediately collect the Provincial Cartridge Boxes, Belts, Bayonets, &ca., that he can find, and get them put in proper order, & Report the Number & State of them to this Board.

Resolved, That Captain Peter Long be appointed Ship's Husband.

Resolved, That Mr. Wharton & Colo. Wayne be a Committee to go to the Carpenters down Town, & that Mr. Biddle & Mr. Dougherty be a Committee to go to the Carpenters up Town, and desire they would to-morrow morning assist, with all their hands, the getting a Float and taking down to Fort Island the Machines from the Gloucester Shore.

October 9th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Presid't pro temp'y.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Andrew Allen,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	John Cadwalader,
Owen Biddle,	George Ross,
Bernard Dougherty,	George Gray.
Anthony Wayne,	

Mr. Wharton, Colo. Wayne, Mr. Biddle, & Mr. Dougherty, agreeable to a Resolve of Yesterday, Report that they went to the Carpenters up and down Town, and that they have muster'd a Number of hands, and gone down to Gloucester to assist floating the Machine for the obstruction of the Channel.

In Consequence of Christopher Carter's being brought to this City by order of the Committee of this City and Liberties, as a person inimical to the Liberties of America, Mr. Owen Biddle and Bernard Dougherty, as members of this Board, thought it proper to grant the following Warrant, vizt.:

"PHILADELPHIA, 8th October, 1775.

"Mr. Thomas Dewees:

"You are requested to keep in your Custody the Body of Christopher Carter, in a Seperate appartment from Messrs. Kearsley,

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Snowden, & Brooks, until you can Receive further directions from the Committee of Safety, and this shall be your Warrant for so doing.

"OWEN BIDDLE,
"BERNARD DOUGHERTY,
"Members of the Committee of Safety."

As it is found necessary that each Boat should have Hand Cuffs on Board, it is

Resolved, That the Ship's Husband do procure six for Each of the Boats; And that he apply to Mr. Robert Morris, who will lend what he has for the Good of the Service.

An order was this day drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., Treasurer to this Board, for one hundred pounds, in favour of Mr. J. M. Nesbitt, paymaster to the People employed on Board the armed Boats.

Several of the Captains of the armed Boats attending this Board, agreeable to orders, had directions, as an Encouragement for good Seamen to enter into the Service on board said Boats, to allow them such small sum in advance as a Majority of the Captains may agree on, over and above what is allowed them by this Board by the printed Pay list. And the Captains had a charge given them to push on with vigour and expedition the fitting and Manning their respective Boats, so that they may be in readiness to oppose any Hostile attacks at a moment's warning. At the same time, they were made acquainted that Rush was appointed Surgeon & Physician to the armed Boats; that J. M. Nesbitt was appointed Pay-Master, John Ross, Muster-Master; & Capt. Peter Long, Ship's Husband.

Upon application of Continental Congress for a quantity of Gun powder, to be lent them for the use of the Army under the Command of General Schuyler,

Resolved, That this Board lend the Congress Twenty hundred Pounds of Gun Powder; an order was drawn accordingly, for the Commissary to deliver the same to the order of Congress.

Doct'r John Odell, in consequence of two Letters deliver'd this Board, by the Committee for this City and Liberties, which he had wrote to England, appear'd agreeable to his promise; And this Board thought proper to send the said Letters to the Committee of Safety of New Jersey. And the Doctor gave his word of Honor to appear before the said Committee of Safety when required.

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October 10th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Presid't. pro temp'y.

Anthony Wayne,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Owen Biddle,
Bernard Daugherty,	Andrew Allen,
John Cadwalader,	George Gray.

Deliver'd Colo. Dickinson for the perusal of the Continental Congress, A paper relative to Doct'r Kearsley's affair of the 6th of September, under the Signature of "Frater & Soror."

A Letter to the Right Hon'ble Charles Jenkinson, Esq'r, Signed "A friend to your Friend Cariolanus."

A Letter from J. Brooks to Mr. Isaac Ler Mitte.

A Plan for Subduing America.

Upon application of Capt. Alexander for some Powder to prove his Swivel Guns; An order was drawn on the Commissary for two pounds for that purpose.

Doct'r Rush waited on this Board and informs that he cannot find a person that he thinks proper for the Station of Surgeon's Mate on Board the armed Boats, and that Doct'r Duffield will act with him as a Surgeon & Physician, and that they are content to take the pay of a Surgeon & Surgeon's Mate, between them, as a sufficient Sum for their Services.

Resolved, That Doct'r Duffield be appointed a Surgeon & Physician to the People employed on Board the Armed Boats; And that he and Doct'r Rush, agreeable to their own Agreement, have each 16 Dollars ℔ month for their Services.

Capt. John Moulder of Marcus Hook, not thinking himself capable of the Command of the armed Boat he was appointed to, this Day Resigned his appointment.

October 11th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Presid't pro temp'y.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	John Cadwalader,
Owen Biddle,	Andrew Allen,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Gray.
Bernard Dougherty,	

The following is a List of Military Stores agreed to by the Committee of Safety for each of the armed Boats; and the Commissary is directed to provide each of them accordingly, but if the full quan-

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tity of each article cannot be obtained, he is to furnish each Boat an equal proportion of what can be got.

4 Chests Powder,	300 Musket Cartridges,
30 Round Shot,	20 Pistol do.,
10 Double Headed do.,	500 Musket Balls loose,
20 Chain do.,	2 Cohorns,
30 Grape do.,	4 Powder Horns,
100 Swivel Round,	1 Cartridge Case,
15 Stand Small Arms,	1 Pouch Barrel,
15 Cartridge Boxes,	4 Cheeses of Wadd,
20 Cutlasses,	Some tanned Hides for the Magazine.
10 Pikes,	
10 Pair of Pistols,	

Mr. Wynkoop laid before the Board the Returns of the Associators & non-Associators, in all the Townships of the County of Bucks, excepting Haycock Township, with their names, and also a list of the officers of the 1st Battalion in the said County.

Resolved, As it is necessary to keep the knowledge of the passage through the Chevaux De Frize as secret as possible, That the ten following Pilots be the only Persons permitted to Pilot Vessells through the said passage, And between this City and Chester, viz't:

William Marshal,	James Roberts,
Daniel Gordon,	Nehemiah Maull,
John Schneider,	Joseph Gamble,
William Molleston,	Matthew Strong,
William Ross,	Michael Dawson.

By order of the Board, an order was deliver'd Mr. Wynkoop, on the Treasurer of this Board, in favour of the Commissioners & Assessors of Bucks County, drawn the 29th Sept'r, agreeable to a Resolve of the 26th, for three hundred pounds.

October 12th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President, Pro. temp'y.

John Cadwalader,	Andrew Allen,
Thomas Wharton, jun.,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle,	Henry Wynkoop.
George Gray,	

Resolved, That Capt. Thomas Moore be appointed to the Command of the Boat Hancock.

Resolved, In consequence of a Memorial from Sundry Gent'n, a Committee of Northampton County, for a quantity of Gun Powder and Lead for the use of said County, That they be supplied for that purpose with two hundred pounds Gunpowder and Six hundred

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pounds of Lead, out of the Magazine at York Town, And that an order be drawn on Michael Swoop, Esq'r & Mr. John Hay, for the same; That Mr. Allen write a Letter to the Committee of York County, informing them of the above Resolve.

Mr. Andrew Allen informs this Board, That the Honorable William Allen, Esq'r, generously gives for the use of this Board, the half of a quantity of Cannon Shot belonging to himself and Mr. Turner. Mr. Andrew Allen is desired to return the thanks of this Board to the Honourable William Allen, Esq'r, for his generous donation, And to purchase of Mr. Turner his half of said Cannon and Swivel Shot.

Agreeable to an order of the Board, Directions for Peter Long, Gentleman, as Ship's Husband to the Armed Boats, was this day drawn up, approved of, and is as follows:

"In Committee of Safety.

"To Peter Long,

"Gentleman:

"You are hereby appointed Ship's Husband to the Pennsylvania Fleet, and empower'd to do all such matters and things as may be necessary for the due Execution of the said Office.

"You are to make known to all Commanders & other officers employed in the said Fleet, that they are to apply through you for all Stores and necessary's required for the Service. You are to receive their Indents or Lists of what is wanted, Report the same as often as necessary to this Committee, and when the approbation of the Board is obtained, You are to procure the sundry articles, of the best quality, each in its kind; and it is your particular Duty to buy them on the best terms in your power; You are to take each officers' receipt for the articles delivered to him, and you are to return the Bills or accounts of those you purchase for this Board, certify'd by you that the quantity's are what you received, and the prices what you agreed for, not being dearer than the Currant rates of each respective articles at the time of purchase.

"You are empower'd to inspect and inquire on board the Fleet at least once in every month, and as much oftener as you may think necessary, whether all Stores and necessary's are taken proper care off, and not neglected, wasted or embezzled, and make Report according, as you find to this Board.

This Board, being ever desirous to serve the Public faithfully, do recommend the most prudent economy in the Outfits & Supplys of the Fleet; they must have every thing necessary, but avoid all expensive Superfluitys, and in the purchase of what is wanted, give a preference to such persons as are known to be Zealous supporters of the American cause, deviding the business amongst as many of such as can be done with conveniency, and consistantly with the public good.

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Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports, That agreeable to an order of the 9th inst., he has deliver'd to Philip Livingston, Esq'r., for the use of the Continental Congress, 2004 pounds of Gun Powder.

That he has sent to Lush's Powder Mill the following quantitys of damaged Powder to be made good, Vizt.:

1000 pounds Powder receiv'd from Bermuda, belonging to Congress.
10 pounds Ditto rec'd from Major Mifflin, belonging to ditto.
60 pounds Ditto Provincial Powder, rec'd from City Committee.

By order of the Board, an order was delivered to Mr. Wynkoop on Mr. Towers, Commissary, for Powder for proving the Arms made in Bucks County for the use of this Province.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle be requested to procure from George Taylor, Esq'r., the following Quantitys and Sizes of Cannon, Barr Shot, Vizt.:

20, 32 pounders.
80, 24 ditto.
160, 18 ditto.

October 13th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Presid't pro temp'y.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Andrew Allen,
Bernard Dougherty,	Daniel Roberdeau,
John Cadwalader,	George Gray.
Owen Biddle,	

The Instructions for the Captains of the Boats were this day read by articles, most of them agreed to, and others to be re-considered to-morrow.

A Letter and Resolve was this Day receiv'd from the President of the Congress, recommending to the Assembly, or this Board, to raise at the Expense of the Continent a Battalion, for the defence of America and its Liberties, When this Board thought proper that the said Letter and Resolve should be laid before the Assembly, and they were deliver'd to Mr. Gray for that purpose.

October 14th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Presid't pro temp'y.

Thomas Wharton, junr.,	Andrew Allen,
George Gray,	John Cadwalader,
Bernard Dougherty,	Daniel Roberdeau.
Owen Biddle,	

By direction of the Board, an order was this day drawn on Mr Owen Biddle in favor of Baltzer Moody, & George Garver, or order

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for twenty three pounds Eight Shillings, being for 117 lbs. Salt Petre made in York County.

Agreeable to a Resolve of the 12th inst., an order was this day drawn on Michael Swoope, Esq'r. & Mr. John Hay, of York County, in favor of Colo. Turbut Francis, or order, for the use of the inhabitants of Northumberland & Northampton Countys, for 200 Pounds of Gun Powder & 600 lbs. Lead, being part of a quantity in Store at York Town belonging to this Province, And Mr. Andrew Allen produced a Letter for the Committee of York County, which approved of.

A Gentleman who signs "Nauticus," produced to this Board a plan of a Fire Ship for the destruction of Enemy's Ships, which was approved of, And Mr. Allen desired to Return the thanks of this Board to the author for his plan.

Upon Motion, Mr. Robert Morris is requested to apply to Mr. Bradford, and desire he will acquaint this Board as soon as possible, with any intelligence he may at any time receive respecting the safety of this Province.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, is directed to Collect as fast as possible, the Fire locks and spare Bayonets in the hands of the Associators, to get them put into good order, and have Iron Ram Rods made for them; And to purchase the 7 Pair of Pistols from Francis & Tillgham.

Upon Motion, Colo. Roberdeau was desired by the Board to wait on the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and request from them the use of that Charity for the Wounded or Sick Men employed in the Armed Boats, and for information from them how long they might depend on that benefit, and on what terms.

Colo. Roberdeau having waited on the Managers of the Hospital, Reports, That those Gentlemen very generously and readily agree to receive all Patients from the Public service, That may be recommended by this Board, and that they require no pay; but mentioned, That in Veneral Cases, it is usual for the Patient to pay three Pounds ten Shillings for his Cure.

Upon Motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board be convey'd by Colo. Roberdeau to the Managers of the Hospital for their very generous determination in favour of such as may fall sick or be wounded in the Public Service of their Country.

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports, there is now in the State House, belonging to this Province, since last war, the following Articles, Viz':

72	Wood Canteens.	14 Jackets	Drilling &
48	Tin do.	10 pr. Breaches,	Oznabriggs,
149	Knap Sacks.	312 pair Shoes.	
303	Shot pouches.	3 pair Shoe Buckles.	
8	Cartridge Boxes.	12 Screw Drivers.	
48	powder Horns.	12 Worms.	
50	Lock Brushes.	700 Gun Slings.	
225	Flints.	215 Cartridge Belts.	

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By Order of the Board, an order was drawn in favour of Mr. Marshall on Robert Morris, Esq'r. for three pounds, for the use of his Bbat going to Reedy Island for James Carter, by order of the City Committee.

In obedience to the request of this Committee, Colo. Dickinson laid before the Congress the Case of Doctr. Kearsley & Mr. Brooks. The Congress declined making any particular order respecting them, having already formed a general resolution for Arresting & Securing such persons whose going at large may endanger the Safety of any Colony, or the Liberties of America: So that the sense of the Congress appears to be, that Doctr. Kearsley & Mr. Brooks should be Closely Confined.

October 15th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety At Fort Island.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro temporary.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Robert White,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
George Grey,	Bernard Dougherty.

The above mention'd members having come down in order to view the works erecting here, and to consult what other buildings may be proper, find it necessary, that the men employed on Board the Boats, should have some Convenient place under cover, for dressing their victuals and drying themselves in bad weather, while employed at or near Fort Island. Therefore, it is

Resolved, That, provided this Board obtains permission from the Provin'l. Commissioners, part of the House on said Island be partition'd off in the middle, and that a person be employed for that purpose, and to Carry up a Stack of Chimneys, and a Forge or Fire Places.

October 16th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Presid't. pro tem'y.

Thomas Wharton, Jun'r.	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Gray,	Michael Swope,
Benjamin Bartholomew,	Robert White,
John Cadwalader,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
Bernard Dougherty,	Andrew Allen.
Owen Biddle,	

Resolved, That Mr. Dougherty & Mr. Gray apply to the Provincial Commissioners for their approbation for this Board to fit up

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and erect Fire places in the House on Fort Island, and to erect what other works they find necessary for the defence of this Province, and that they apply to John Palmer to erect the works, agreeable to the Resolve of yesterday.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Robert Morris, Esq'r, in favour of Michael Dawson, for Nine Pounds, for his Services in delivering to the Pilots and a number of vessells at the Capes, Bay and River Delaware, the Resolves of this Committee for Regulating the Pilots.

On motion,

Resolved, That six 18 pound Cannon be planted on a Platform at Fort Island, for the defence of this Province; And a Forge for heating shot be erected; That a small Magazine for the safety of Ammunition be built, And that a Company of 2 officers, a Drum & Fife & 25 men, be employed for working the said Cannon. That Mr. Saml. Morris, jun'r. & Mr. Robert White, be a Committee to see these Resolves carried into execution.

Resolved, That the above Mention'd Company consist of one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Drum & Fife, and twenty five private Men, to be immediately raised as a Company of Artillery, and that they engage to serve this Province for twelve months; or if sooner discharged by this Board or Assembly; The said officers and men are to be paid one month's pay over and above the time they shall have actually served, And that the pay of the said officers be the same as officers of the same Rank employed by the Continental Congress, and the pay of the Privates to be six Dollars ℔ month; and that every artificer that may be enlisted, and employed in their respective Trades for the service of this Province, be allowed three shillings and nine pence per day over and above their pay.

Resolved, That the Pilots mention'd in the Resolve of the 11th inst., be desired to attend this Board to-morrow morning, 9 o'Clock, with their Proposals for their being employed in the service of this Province as pilots.

Resolved, That three Hulks be purchased, and sunk in the most convenient places for Defence of this River; That Mr. Wharton & Colo. Roberdeau be a Committee to purchase said Hulks, And That Mr. White and Mr. Samuel Morris, fix upon the *properest* places for sinking them.

The instructions for the Captains of the armed Boats were this day gone through, approved of, and are as follows, Vizt:

General Instructions for the Commanders of the Provincial Armed Boats.

1. Every Captain or other officer shall give strict attention, that the Boat he commands be kept clean and in good order at all times.

2. The officers of the Boats are to use the crew well, and to keep strict discipline among them.

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3. Each Captain shall appoint all officers under the Rank of a Commission'd officer, and oblige them to perform diligently the duties of their station.

4. Every Captain and other officer shall be punctual in observing the orders he shall from time to time receive from the Commodore, Committee of Safety, or Assembly.

5. No powder to be expended for exercising either Great Guns or small arms, without orders from the Commodore, Committee of Safety, or Assembly, and only Swivel Guns or Musquets to be fired for signals, except in cases of immediate danger.

6. The Commodore shall order the crews, or each Captain his respective crew, to be exercised in the use of their Oars, great Guns, small arms, and pikes, as often as possible, without impeding the public service, or harrassing the Men *too* much.

7. The crew not to be suffered to go on Shore, or absent themselves from on board the Boats without leave from their officers, nor to disturb any inhabitants, or settlements, on any pretence whatever.

8. The Commodore or Commanding officer shall appoint proper Signals, copies of which shall be given to the Captain or Commanding officer of every Boat, to all which signals the officers are to pay due obedience and respect.

9. The Eldest officer present, where more boats are together than one, to act as Commodore, and have the Command of the whole.

10. When a Boat is below the city, the Commanding officer on board is to Examine all vessells bound up, whether the people on board are our friends or foes, and if they refuse satisfaction in these points they are to be considered as enemies.

11. The Officers of the Boats are to treat the Masters and crews of all vessells, both foreign and others, who have no hostile intentions against us, and who do not violate the Laws of the Continental Congress, or the rules and regulations of the Committee of safety or Assembly, with decency and good manners, nor are they to put them to unnecessary delay or trouble, but if any should be in distress they are to lend them all reasonable assistance.

12. A Copy of the Articles, subscribed by the officers and men, shall be hung up in some public part of the Boat, for the perusal of the crew, to whom they are to be read once every week, in an orderly manner, all the Officers, who can conveniently attend, to be present.

13. The Boats are not to leave any particular Station assigned them out of port, or when appointed to any duty, without orders from the Commodore, Committee of Safety, or Assembly.

14. The Captain of each boat shall cause his Clerk to make out a Muster Roll of the crew of the boat which he Commands, with their names, stations on board, time of entering the Service, whether they are sickly or maimed, and what is their ailment, and if any

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of the crew should die or be discharged, specify the time thereof, all which is to be returned to the Muster Master of the Boats, once every month, at least, or oftener if required by him.

15. No Captain or other officer shall discharge any of the Boats' crew without leave from the Commodore, Committee of Safety, or Assembly, unless he ships an equal number to those discharged, immediately.

16. The Commander of each Boat is by ticket to certify to the Contractor, from time to time, the number of Rations that are required for his Boat's crew; the Stewart of the boat is to receive the same from the Commissary upon producing the said ticket, and is to give his receipt, and be accountable.

17. The Commander of each Boat is to examine into the quality of the Provisions, from time to time, and see that they be good and wholesome, and that the proper quantity be delivered out by the Steward, and in convenient messes.

18. If the quality of the provisions should be objected to, the Captain of the Boat is to report the same to the contractor, with a desire that they may be exchanged for such as are good and wholesome, but if the contractor is disatisfied with the report of the Captain, they are to have a survey made by two judicious and impartial freeholders, mutually chosen, who may determine the same if they agree, but if otherwise they are to call in an umpire, who shall decide upon the quality of said provisions; if they are condemned the contractor shall supply others to equal amount in kind, but if the judgment of the referrers should be otherwise, the men must receive them for their allowance.

19. No warrant officer or private, discharged from the service of the Boat he first ships in, shall be admitted in the service of any other Boat unless by mutual consent of the Commanders.

20. The Commanding officer of each Boat constantly to enforce a due observance of all the articles signed and agreed to by the Officers and Men, for their regulation in this service.

21. In case of making Prisoners, it is recommended by the Committee of Safety to all the Officers and Men employed in the Pennsylvania fleet, to treat them with humanity, and such kindness as the public good will admit of.

22. It is recommended by the Committee of Safety, to all the Officers and men employed in the Pennsylvania Fleet, to attend the public worship of Almighty God as frequently as in their power.

23. If any of the King's Ships, Sloops, cutters, or other armed vessels, shall proceed up the River Delaware in a hostile manner, or with hostile intentions; if they attempt to pass the Machines now sunk, or hereafter to be sunk in the River Delaware, or if they attempt to weigh those that are sunk, or obstruct the sinking of others that are, or may be ordered by the Committee of Safety or Assembly, or if they seize or attempt to seize any property of the Inhabi-

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tants of the United Colonies of America, or to molest, or destroy their property or persons, in any shape or manner whatever, the Officers & Men employed in this fleet, are hereby ordered to oppose all such proceedings and attempts, by whomsoever made, and to repel force by force, even to the taking, sinking, or destroying all such Ships, Sloops, cutters, armed vessells, or other force, employed in such designs and attempts against the peace and security of the United Colonies.

Resolved, That William Bradford print one hundred Copies of the Instructions to the Captains of the armed Boats.

October 17th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro temporary.

George Gray,	Andrew Allen,
Michael Swoope,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
Bernard Dougherty,	

Mr. Gray and Mr. Dougherty, agreeable to a Resolve of yesterday, waited on the Provincial Commissioners, who gave their hearty consent to this Board's erecting any works on the Province Island, that they may think proper and necessary for the defence of this Province.

Mr. John Palmer, agreeable to desire, attended this Board, and undertook the Mason work agreed to be carried on at Fort Island.

October 18th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro temporary.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Michael Swoope,
John Montgomery,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Bernard Dougherty,	Owen Biddle,
George Gray,	John Cadwalader.

Upon application of Capt. John Old, of a Riffle Company in Berks County, an order was deliver'd him on Robert Towers, Commissary, for five pounds of Battle Powder, for proving of new Riffles, for the use of his Company.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau be empowered to admit such persons to an interview with Doct'r Kearsley, J. Brooks, Leonard Snowden, & Christopher Carter, during the time they are confined in the Gaol of this County, as he may find necessary, or think proper, he being present at all such interviews.

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. Owen Biddle, in favour of Daniel Evans, for ten pounds, towards the payment of Smith's work.

William Namick, a deserter from the Ministerial Army, applied to this board for a small sum of money, for the support of himself and wife, until he can get into employ. In consequence of his application, this board thought proper to give the said Namick the sum of three pounds; an order was, therefore, drawn on Mr. Owen Biddle, to pay the said Sum of three pounds.

At the Request of Mr. Robert Shewell, this Board gave him a Copy of his Letter directed to Doct'r Kearsley, with the following Certificate:

"In Committee of Safety.

"These may certify, that the above is a true Copy of an Original Letter, delivered to the Committee of Safety, signed Robert Shewell, & directed to Doct'r Kearsley; and that the Committee of Safety has not, at any time, Summoned the said Robert Shewell to appear before them."

The Pilots, agreeable to a Resolve of Yesterday, attended this Board, and proposes to enter into the pay of this Province as Pilots, at the Rate of ten pounds per month, for the purpose of Piloting vessels through the Machines sunk near Fort Island; And they will attend to-morrow with their proposals of Pilotage, at so much per foot.

The Board taking into consideration the charge against Christopher Carter, of being concerned with Doct'r. John Kearsley & J. Brooks in their endeavour to procure British Troops to invade this and the other Colonies in a Hostile manner, with other inimical Correspondence and practices, and having duely attended to his defence, are unanimously of opinion, that the said Christopher Carter is guilty of the charge. But it having been represented to this Board, by the Committee of Inspection and observation, that a Deputation from their Body had promised the said Carter protection from punishment, on condition of his delivering up the Papers and giving information of the Designs to be executed by him and the others concern'd, which he has complied with; It is therefore,

Resolved, that Christ'r Carter's person be enlarged and set at Liberty, on his giving Security in the sum of Five hundred pounds for his good behaviour, & that he will not leave the Province without License from the Assembly or Committee of Safety, nor be concerned in practices or Correspondence during his Stay, that shall be inimical to the United Colonies.

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October 19th—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, President pro tem'y.

Anthony Wayne,	John Montgomery,
George Gray,	Thomas Wharton, jr.,
Bernard Dougherty,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Andrew Allen,	John Cadwalader,
Benjamin Bartholomew,	Owen Biddle.

Mr. George Taylor return'd to the Board his account of the Cannon Shot supplied by him, and informed them that he should be a considerable loser by the Price at which he had contracted to deliver them; and the Board taking the Matter into Consideration, after previously consulting Mr. Grubb and Mr. Potts, Iron Masters, were of the same opinion; and therefore,

Resolved, That Mr. Taylor should be allowed at the rate of Eighteen pounds per ton for the same.

By order of the Board, a Letter was this day wrote to the Committee of York County, and one other Letter to the Committee of Lancaster County, respecting Doct'r. Kearsley & J. Brooks' confinement in each County.

The Board agreed that Doct'r John Kearsley may be allowed a servant, at his own expence, to attend him to York Town, and during his confinement there, unless it be found necessary by the Committee of York County, to discharge him sooner.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Robert Morris, Esq'r., in favour of Robert Towers, for sixty-one pounds nineteen Shillings & two pence, being the amount of his account of Tradesmen's Bills, and Men employed cleaning powder, making Cartridges, Boxes, &ca.

October 20th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety, apppointed by the Resolves of the Assembly of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, October 1775.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Owen Biddle,
John Montgomery,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Samuel Miles,	George Ross,
Bernard Dougherty,	George Gray,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Anthony Wayne,
George Clymer,	John Nixon,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Andrew Allen,
Robert White,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
James Mease,	James Biddle.

"In Assembly, October 1775.

"*Philadelphia, ss:*

"Pursuant to a Resolve of Yesterday, the House took into consideration the Motion for reappointing the present Committee of

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Safety for this Province, with the addition of certain New Members to the said Committee; and after some time spent therein,

"*Resolved*, That Benjamin Franklin, John Dickinson, George Gray, Samuel Miles, Robert Morris, Benjamin Bartholomew, George Ross, Michael Swoope, John Montgomery, Edward Biddle, George Taylor, Barnard Dougherty, Samuel Hunter, Daniel Roberdeau, John Cadwalader, Andrew Allen, Joseph Read, Owen Biddle, Anthony Wayne, Francis Johnston, Rich'd Reiley, Nicholas Fairlamb, Samuel Morris, jun'r, Thomas Wharton, jr., Robert Whyte, George Clymer, Samuel Howell, Merchant, Alexander Wilcocks, John Nixon, James Mease, Henry Wynkoop and James Biddle, Gentlemen, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Safety for this Province during the ensuing year.

"*Resolved*, That any seven or more of the said Committee, with the President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall be a Board for transacting any Business that may properly come before them.

"A Copy from the Journals,
"Signed, CHARLES MOORE,
"Cl'k of Assembly."

Resolved unanimously, That Benjamin Franklin, Esq'r., be President, and Robert Morris, Esq'r., be Vice President, of this Board.

Upon application of Messrs. Wharton & Humphreys, for a sum of money towards the payment of two armed Boats they built,

An order was drawn by order of the Board, on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., in their favor for two hundred and fifty Pounds.

Upon application of Doct'r Kearsley, for a Clerk to assist him while in confinement in settling his affairs, It is agreed by this Board that he should be permitted to have one, and that the said Clerk should take the following Oath, vizt:

"You do swear that as Clerk to Doct'r John Kearsley, you will transact for and with him, such business only as shall be necessary for the settlement of his Private affairs, And that you will not transact with him or for him any matters whatever of a public nature, or in any manner respecting the political disputes between Great Britain and the united American Colonies, and that you will to the utmost of your power, prevent the said John Kearsley from carrying on any correspondence of that nature with any person or persons whatever, And that you will make known to the Committee of Safety, any attempts that the said John Kearsley, or any other person, should make for that purpose, if the same comes to your knowledge."

It was agreed by this Board, that Mr. Stephen Bayard should attend Doct'r John Kearsley as a Clerk, and be permitted at all times to attend him in the settlement of his private affairs, and Mr. Bayard took and subscribed the above oath.

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The Pilots attended this day, and offer'd to undertake the service they were to be appointed to, at the Rate of seven pounds ten shillings ℔ month, and will attend again to-morrow to know the sence of this Board as to their proposals.

Edward Chamberlain, Master at Arms, Certifies that Capt. Henry Dougherty receiv'd on Board his Boat Eleven Muskets, bought of Nathaniel Monro, at 90s ℔ piece.

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports, that he has receiv'd from Oswell Eve 11 one eighths Barrels of battle powder, wt 137¼ pounds; that he has receiv'd from different People the following articles belonging to this province, vizt:

205 Bayonets.
110 Scabbards.
161 Cartridge Boxes.
9 Muskets with Bayonets.

That he has purchased the following articles, agreeable to the directions of this Board:

Of Owen Biddle,	1 Musket and Bayonet,		£3 10 0
Of Isaac Cox,	24 Cutlasses,	a 2s6	3 00 0
Of Samuel Howell,	11 ditto		
Of John Chaloner,	10 ditto	2s	1 00 0
Of Elizabeth Miller,	52 ditto	3s	7 16 0
Of Mr. Tillgham,	5 ditto	3s	00 15 0
Of John Phillips,	3 ditto	2s6	00 7 6
Of Joseph Sims,	7 ditto	3s9	1 6 3
Of James Wallace,	49 ditto	5s	12 5 0
Of Capt. Furman,	19 ditto	5s	4 15 0
Of Major Mifflin,	5 ditto	5s	1 5 0
Of Capt. Furman,	7 pair of Pistols	15s	5 5 0
Of Jno. Tunnicliff,	1 pair of ditto		1 5 0

October 21st —At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	John Nixon,
Michael Swoope,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Samuel Miles,	John Montgomery,
Bernard Dougherty,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,	James Biddle.
John Cadwalader,	

Resolved, That Mr. Wilcocks, Mr. Wharton & Mr. Nixon, apply to the Commissioners and Assessors of this County, to know if they have contracted for the whole of the Firelocks, and what forward-

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ness they are in, And to inform them that the following Gun Smiths are unimployed in this County, viz't.:

William Antis, of Frederick Township.
Johst, of Whitpain Township.
John Baker, of Providence Township.
Josiah Wood, of Norrington Township.

By order of the Board.

Twelve of the Articles of Association and Precedency was delivered to Mr. Dougherty, for the use of the Associators of Bedford County.

The Pilots attended this day, when they agreed to enter into the Service of this Province, at the rate of Six pounds ℔ Month, for the purpose of Piloting all Vessels from Chester through the Machines sunk near Fort Island to this City, and from this City to Chester; when it was unanimously

Resolved, That Michael Dawson, James Roberts, Joseph Gamble, William Molleston, Daniel Gordon, William Marshall, Nehemiah Maule, John Snyder, Matthew Strong, and William Ross, Pilots, be employed in the above services, at the said Rate of Six pounds ℔ Month. And that Mr. Clymer, Mr. White, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Wharton, and Mr. Mease, or any three of them, be a Committee to draw up Instructions for the Pilots, and the form of the Oath they are to take, And that the said Committee are to have the whole direction of the said Pilots and the services they are to perform.

Agreeable to the above resolve the following oath was administer'd, and sign'd by the above mentioned Pilots, viz't:

"We, Michael Dawson, James Roberts, Joseph Gamble, William Molleston, Daniel Gorton, William Marshall, Nehemiah Maule, John Snyder, Matthew Strong, and William Ross, now of the City of Philadelphia, being apointed by the Committee of Safety Pilots, to navigate vessels, sailing from the City of Philadelphia to the Town of Chester, upon Delaware, and from the said Town up to the City aforesaid, being each of us duly Sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, do, and every of us does declare and swear, that he will not discover to any Person or Persons, whatever, any matter or thing which he shall be informed of or intrusted with, or which he now knows, or shall hereafter acquire a knowledge of by his own skill and experience, or otherwise, whereby any Person or Persons may be taught and instructed how to conduct and Navigate a Vessel to pass through or between the Machines, called Chivaux de Frize, sunk in the River Delaware by order of the Committee of Safety. And that each of us will use his utmost skill and Endeavours to keep out of the way of, and prevent his being taken by any British Man of War, armed Vessel, or other vessel in the immediate Service of the King of Great Britain; And further, each of us do swear, that he will continue in the Service to which he is now appointed, and not depart the same until he is discharged from it

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by order of the Committee of Safety. And that in all things which respect his duty in the Service aforesaid, he will faithfully and readily obey and Execute all orders & directions which he shall receive from the Sub-Committee, who are appointed by the Committee of Safety to Superintend and direct his duty, Or such as he shall receive from the General Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania, or from the Committee of Safety.

his
(Signed.) MICHAEL ⋊ DAWSON,
mark.
JAMES ROBERTS,
JOSEPH GAMBLE,
WILLIAM MOLLESTON,
WILLIAM MARSHALL,
DANIEL GORTON,
NEHEMIAH MAULE,
JOHN SNIDER,
MATTHEW STRONG,
WILLIAM ROSS.

Taken and Sworn the 20th October, 1775, before me,
Signed JAMES BIDDLE, Just. Peace.

Capt. William Bradford having informed the Vice President that Major Wescott, of New Jersey, was arrived in this City, with the Captain of a Transport Ship lately Cast away on Brig't Beach, near Egg Harbour, he order'd the Committee to be Summon'd, when the following Members appear'd:

Robert Morris,	John Montgomery,
James Mease,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
George Clymer,	Owen Biddle,
George Taylor,	Michael Swoope,
Bernard Dougherty,	John Cadwalader,
Alexander Wilcocks,	Daniel Roberdeau,
James Biddle,	George Ross.
Andrew Allen,	

Capt. George Hastings, late Commander of the above mention'd Transport, being brought before the Committee, gave the following intelligence:

That he was Master of the Ship Rebecca & Francis, of two hundred and ninety-three tons Burthen, owned in London by James Mather; that he left Boston the 5th of October, for New York, with two Commission'd Officers—Capt. Duncan Campbel, and Lieut. Symes; two Sergeants, named Hugh Morrison and William Forster, and twenty-one privates, belonging to a Regiment Raising in America; That he understood they were going to New York, for the purpose of Recruiting; that last Monday Morning, before day, the weather being hazy, the said Ship Rebecca and Francis Struck

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on the Shore at Brigantine Beach, where she is Stranded; That Capt. Campbell parted with him at the Beach on Tuesday Evening, and he supposes, made the best of his way to New York, in Some Boat; but did not see him go into any boat, as it was Dark when he left his Tent; That Lieut. Symes went away Tuesday about noon, in a Small Boat, with an Elderly Man, dressed like a Fisherman; That they had on Board Sixty Firelocks, with Bayonets and Cartouch Boxes, and two Barrels and a half of Powder, all which were thrown into the Sea; That on the 20th July last, the said Capt. Campbell Sail'd with him from Boston to New York, and Carried between 50 and Sixty Recruits from New York to Boston; That the said Capt. Campbell had been in the 42nd Regim't, lived in Duchess County, New York Government, and has a wife and children there; That he, the Capt. of the Vessel, was not order'd to apply to any Person at New York, but to lie under the protection the Asia Ship of War; That Capt. Campbell frequently sent the Boat ashore for the Recruits that were raised for him; That the Soldiers now brought in said Ship, were some of those enlisted at New York, & carried by Capt. Campbell to Boston in July last.

That General Gage and the Officers of the 48th & 59th Regt's, are going home in a Transport Vessel of 16 Guns.

That Bills of £100 St'g sold in Boston for £80.

That no men of War or Troops had gone to Quebec; Neither had they an account of an Expedition to Quebec; but there was a talk of one against Halifax.

October 23rd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Owen Biddle,
Andrew Allen,	Thomas Wharton, junr.,
George Clymer,	Bernard Dougherty,
John Montgomery,	George Gray,
Daniel Roberdeau,	James Mease,
Alexander Wilcocks,	James Biddle.
John Nixon,	

Upon motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Allen, Mr. Clymer & Mr. Roberdeau, be a Committee to give orders, respecting the Removal of Doct'r Kearsley to York Town Gaol, and the removal of J. Brooks to Lancaster Gaol. And to give the necessary orders for their Sentence being carried into Execution.

Resolved, That Capt. Long be order'd to buy a Quantity of half Price Boards, and send them to Fort Island, for the purpose of building a leantoo shed against the inside of the Fort Wall, sufficient to cover two or three hundred Men in bad weather.

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Robert Towers, Commissiary, Reports, his having receiv'd the following Firelocks from the under mention'd Captains of the Associators:

12	Firelocks	from Capt. Furman.
11	ditto	from Capt. Wilcocks.
5	ditto	from Capt. Shee.
23	ditto	from Capt. Cadwalader.
12	ditto	from Capt. Little.
9	ditto	from Capt. Willing.

That he has receiv'd 6 firelocks purchased from Capt. Robison.

That he has deliver'd to the under mention'd Captains of the armed Boats, the following Firelocks, viz't:

13	Firelocks	to Capt. Dougherty, of the Washington.
15	ditto	to Capt. Alexander, of the Chatham.
15	ditto	to Capt. Moore, of the Effingham.
15	ditto	to Capt. Davidson, of the Warren.
15	ditto	to Capt. Blair, of the Burke.
15	ditto	to Capt. Montgomery, of the Ranger.
15	ditto	to Capt. Hamilton, of the Congress.
15	ditto	to Capt. Eyres, of the Camden.
2	ditto	to Capt. Thomas Moore, of the Hancock.
2	ditto	to Capt. Rice, of the Dickinson.
6	ditto	to Capt. Henderson, of the Bull Dog.
8	ditto	to Capt. Biddle, of the Franklin.

Upon application of Capt. Peter Long, Ship's Husband, for a sum of Money for the payment of a Number of Small articles he had occasion to purchase for the use of the Armed Boats,

By Order of the Board an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, in his favour for one hundred pounds.

This Board having taken into their Consideration (by desire of the Hon'ble Assembly) the appointment of a Commodore to command the Fleet, Capt. Thomas Reed was named, And after full consideration of his Merits, and enquiring into his character and Qualifications, it was

Resolved, That the said Capt. Thomas Read be recommended as a proper person to be apointed by the Honorable House of Assembly to that Important Station.

Resolved, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Mease & Mr. Nixon, or any two of them, be a Committee for inspecting and paying all accounts that may appear against this Board, and that they find just.

Resolved, That the Commodore to the Armed Boats be allowed a Clerk, and that the said Clerk be allowed Nine Dollars ℔ Month for his Services.

In pursuance of the Resolve of this Board, Mr. Wilcocks, Mr. Nixon & Mr. Wharton, waited upon Mr. Fox, the only Commissioner of Philadelphia County, resident in the City, and presented

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to him the Resolve of this Board, and as to the points of Inquiry directed to be made, Mr. Fox informed the Committee that the Commissioners of Phil'a County had contracted with a certain Lewis Phrahl, Gun Smith, for the making of one hundred and fifty Firelocks, that none were yet ready for use, but that he expected twenty-four of them would be deliver'd on Saturday next, and the Gun Smith had promised to deliver for the future twelve firelocks every week, until the whole number of one hundred and fifty were completed. That the Commissioners were not under contract with any other workmen for the making of any more arms than the above 150. That he, Mr. Fox, was ready and desirous to employ Persons to make the Number of Firelocks required by the Vote of the Assembly, but could not get workmen to undertake to make them.

That the Commissioners had provided Cartouch Boxes for the whole number of Arms required.

That he would readily employ the Workmen the Board had inform'd him of, and that he would order an advertizement to be put in the News Papers to invite Work-men who were willing to contract for the making the Firelocks, to apply to the Commissioners to be employed by them.

October 24th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	John Cadwalader,
George Ross,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Andrew Allen,	Samuel Howell,
Samuel Miles,	George Gray,
George Clymer,	James Mease,
Owen Biddle,	Michael Swoope,
Benjamin Bartholomew,	John Montgomery,
Bernard Dougherty,	Thomas Wharton, jun.,
John Nixon,	Alexander Wilcocks.
George Taylor,	

Doct'r Kearsley went off this morning guarded by an Escort of Light Horse under the Command of Capt. Markoe, for Lancaster, and from thence to be conveyed by a guard to York Town, there to be put into the custody of the Committee of York County, who are to see the Sentence of this Board effected.

I. Brooks went at the same time under the same Guard for Lancaster, there to be deliver'd to the Committee of that County, who are to see the Sentence of this Board carried into Execution against him.

Letters were wrote, Read and Approved of, and sent by Capt. Markoe to the Committees of Lancaster and York County, Enclosing the Resolves and Sentence against Doct. Kearsley and I. Brooks.

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Doct. Kearsley, in order to reimburse the Expenses that have or may accrue to this Board on his account, this day drew the following order for the payment of the Same, Which order was deliver'd to Mr. Thos. Wharton, jun'r.:

"PHILADELPHIA, 23rd October, 1775.

"*Gentlemen:*

"Please to pay to Robert Morris, Esq'r., Vice Presid't of the Board of Safety, or to his order, all the Expenses that have accrued to the Board of Safety on my account, and that may accrue in Escorting me to York Town.

"I am, Gentlemen,
"Your humble Servant,
"Signed, JOHN KEARSLEY.

"To Abel James, Esq'r., Mr. William Pollard, Capt. John Wilcox, Mr. Thomas Lawrence."

Resolved, That a Second Lieutenant be appointed to each of the Armed Boats, whose pay shall be twelve Dollars p month.

October 25th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Andrew Allen,
Bernard Dougherty,	Daniel Roberdeau,
John Cadwalader,	George Clymer,
Owen Biddle,	Alexander Wilcocks,
James Mease,	Samuel Miles,
George Gray,	James Biddle.

Joseph Fox, Esq'r., a Commissioner of this County, made application to this Board for five hundred pounds, in order to advance to the Gun Smiths, to forward making the Firelocks for this County.

The Board taking the said application into consideration,

Resolved, That this Board will advance the Commissioners and Assessors the said five hundred pounds, in order to forward the making the 1500 Firelocks for this County.

An Order was drawn on Robert Morris, Esq'r., in favour of George Havener, for twelve pounds, for making 12 Quarter Barrels of Gun Powder, which the Board directed to be paid.

Upon application of George Taylor, Esq'r.,

An order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., Treasurer of this Board, for two hundred and fifty pounds, being in part payment for the Canon Ball made by him under the order of this Board.

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October 26th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Bernard Dougherty,
Michael Swoope,	Samuel Miles,
John Nixon,	Anthony Wayne,
James Mease,	Owen Biddle,
Andrew Allen,	James Biddle,
John Montgomery,	George Clymer,
Francis Johnson,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	George Gray.
John Cadwalader,	

By Direction of this Board,

An order was this day drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., Treasurer to this Board, for one thousand pounds, in favour of Thomas Wharton, jun'r, John Nixon, & James Mease, Committee of Accounts.

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having receiv'd the following Articles into Store, vizt:

5 Barrels of Powder, w't 500 lbs., receiv'd from George Lush, being the damag'd Powder Sent him to be made good; ¼ Barrel of Ditto, 25 lbs., receiv'd from George Havener; 6 Ream of paper for Canon Cartridges, receiv'd from Tho's Phillips.

6	32	pound	Cannon Ball,	Tun. lb. qr. cwt.
130	24	lb.	do.	W't 11 2 2 18, Rec'd from
1207	18	lb.	do.	Geo. Taylor, Esq'r.
16	32	lb.	do.	
119	18	lb.	do.	W't 1 5 0 0, Rec'd Wm.
20	9	lb.	do.	Allen, Esq'r.
11	6	lb.	do.	

October 27th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Samuel Miles,
Samuel Howell,	Alexander Wilcocks,
John Nixon,	Bernard Dougherty,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Anthony Wayne,
John Cadwalader,	Francis Johnson,
James Mease,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
Nicholas Fairlamb,	John Montgomery,
James Biddle,	Owen Biddle.

Upon application of Mr. Thomas Proctor to be appointed Captain of the Company of Artillery to be raised and employed at Fort Island

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for the defence of this Province, This Board considering Mr. Proctor's Application,

Resolved, That the said Thomas Proctor be appointed Captain of the said Company.

Resolved, That Mr. David Rittenhouse be appointed Engineer to this Board.

Resolved, That Mr. Towers be directed to prove all the Muskets made in this City for the Provincial Service, and to Stamp such of them as are proof, with the letters P; and that a Copy of this Minute be handed to the County Commissioners, who are to notify the Smiths they contract with for said Muskets, of this Resolve, and that none of their Guns will be receiv'd or paid for by this Board, but such as have been so proved and Stampt as aforesaid.

Resolved, That Mr. Towers, Commissary, deliver and Send down to Fort Island a Gin, Handspikes, Pulleys, Ropes, and what other articles that may be thought necessary for carrying on the Public Works at that Island.

Upon application of James Jones, Mate; John Orkney, Second Mate; & John Clerk, Charles Heys, George Simpson, & George Stewart, Mariners belonging to the Rebeccah, & Francis Transport, Geor. Hastings, Mr., lately Stranded on Brig't Beach, on the Jersey Shores, a certificate was given them that they had been examined by this Committee, Discharged, and permitted to go at large.

Resolved, That Isaac Rotch be apointed Second Lieutenant to one of the armed Boats.

The Board taking into Consideration the application from Capt. William Davis and others, offering their Service to act as Volunteers in the Battery to be erected at Fort Island, are of opinion that the thanks of this Board are due to those Gentlemen for their Generous offer to serve the Public without reward, which Mr. Nixon is desired by the Board to present to them. It is recommended to the said Gentlemen to qualify themselves in such Exercise of Great Guns, as will be useful in the department in which they offer to serve; And this Board do Resolve to Call upon them to act as Volunteers, under the officers apointed by this Board, Whenever the Public Service shall require.

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October 28th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Bernard Dougherty,	Francis Johnston,
Anthony Wayne,	James Mease,
John Cadwalader,	Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
Owen Biddle,	Andrew Allen.
Daniel Roberdeau,	

Upon application of Anthony Martin, John Price, Larie McNeil, Thomas Pratt, Thomas Clough, John Smith, John Bachland, Simon Eastwood, & James Batchelor, Seamen, belonging to the Rebeccah, & Francis Transport, George Hastings, Master, lately Stranded on Brigantine Beach, on the Jersey Shore, a certificate was given them that they had been Examined by this Committee, discharg'd, and permitted to go at large.

By order of the Board, an order was deliver'd Mr. Owen Biddle, drawn agreeable to a resolve of the 26th Sep'r., and dated the 29th, on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r., in favour of the Commiss'rs & Ass'rs of Lancaster Co'y, for six hundred pounds.

October 30th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	John Nixon,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Andrew Allen,
Barnard Dougherty,	George Ross,
Samuel Howell,	George Clymer,
John Montgomery,	James Mease,
Owen Biddle,	James Biddle.
Alexander Wilcocks,	

On the information of Mr. Owen Biddle, that the Person sent down by the Committee of York County, to instruct the Committee for the Manufacture of Salt Petre in his mode of carrying on that Process, is now Ready to undertake the said Business, but cannot proceed for want of a supply of money; and Mr. Biddle offering to advance him Fifty pounds for the forwarding this necessary Work, provided this Board will secure to him the repayment of the same.

Resolved, That this Board, to forward so useful a work, will be Security to Mr. Owen Biddle for the Re-payment of the said sum of fifty Pounds.

A petition from Hannah Shee, for relief for herself and Children, was Read, her husband having been drowned in the Service of this Province. After consideration she was recommended by this

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Board to the overseers of the Poor of the District Where the deceased was settled, for such Provision as the case may require.

A Letter, dated the 24th inst., was receiv'd the 28th, from the Committee of Lancaster County, informing that Capt. Markoe had safely Lodged in the Gaol of that County the Bodys of Doct'r John Kearsley, & I. Brooks, and that Doct'r Kearsley would be forwarded to York Town next day, under a proper Guard, and that I. Brooks would be continued in his confinement, and dealt with agreeable to the sentence & direction of this Committee.

Capt. Dougherty attended this day, and acquainted the Board that agreeable to a Resolve of the 9th inst., the Captains had agreed to allow each good and able seamen fifteen Shillings as a Bounty for their entering into the Service on board the armed Boats, which Bounty is to be paid them one month after having been in the Service.

By Direction of this Board,

An order was this day drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., Treasurer, in favour of Messrs. Thomas Wharton, John Nixon, & James Mease, Committee of Accounts, for the Sum of one thousand Pounds.

Resolved, That Alexander Wilcocks, Andrew Allen, James Biddle, & Owen Biddle, be a committee to Revise and correct the Minutes of this Board, in order to their being transcribed fairly in the Minute Book.

Resolved, That Messrs. Robert White & Mr. Samuel Morris be a Committee to direct the building of the Shed on Fort Island, agreeable to the Resolve of the 23rd inst., and to repair such Buildings as may be already erected on the Island, that may be made suitable to the accommodation of the Soldiers and Sailors.

George Ross, Esq'r., sent to this Board the following Resolve of Congress, which is directed to be put on the Minutes of this Committee, Vizt.:

"In Congress, 26th October, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several Provincial Assemblies, Conventions or Councils of Safety of the United Colonies, to export to the Foreign West Indias, on account and Risque of their respective Colonies, as much Provision, or any other produce except Horned cattle, Sheep, Hogs, and Poultry, as they may deem necessary for the importation of Arms, Ammunition, Sulphur & Salt Petre.

"A copy from the Minutes.

"Signed, CHA'S. THOMSON, Sect'y.

Capt. Duncan Campbell, Lieut. Symes, and twenty-three Private Soldiers, part of a Regiment about to be raised in the Ministerial

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Service, on their Voyage from Boston to New York, on Board the Ship Rebecca & Francis, Capt. Hastings, (by the said Ship's being Stranded on Brigantine Beach on the New Jersey Shore,) were taken Prisoners by the People of Jersey, and brought to this City, and, after having seperately examined the said officers and many of the Privates, it appears to this board that they have acted, and intended further to act, a part inimical to the Liberties of America; Therefore, it was thought proper by this Board, to transmit the said examinations to the Honorable the Continental Congress, and request they would determine thereon, in consequence of which requisition George Ross, Esq'r., produced from the Congress the following Resolve:

"In Congress, October 28th, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That Capt. D. Campbell & Lieu't. Symes, and the Men who came with them in the Transport Rebecca & Francis, be confined in such Gaols in this Colony as the Committee of Safety of said Colony think proper, and that the said Capt. Campbell & Lieutenant Symes, be allowed for their Subsistance one and one third dollar each ℔ Week, and the Men one Dollar ℔ Week each, to be paid out of the Continental Treasury.

"A true Copy from the Minutes.

Signed, CHA'S. THOMSON, Sect'y.

Agreeable to the above determination of Congress; It is,

Resolved, That the said Capt. Campbel & Lieut. Symes, be confined in the Goal of the City and County of Philadelphia, and that they be kept apart from the rest of the Prisoners; that they be not permitted to have the use of Pen, Ink or Paper, and that no Person whatever be permitted to speak to them or either of them, but in the presence of some *Member* of this Committee, or some other Person authorised by a Member of this Committee in writing.

The following Commitment being drawn up and signed by the Vice President, was deliver'd to Mr. Cadwalader & Mr. Nixon, who were desired to acquaint the officers of the determination of Congress, and to deliver the said Commitment to the officer of the Guard over the Prisoners, and desire him to deliver them into the Custody of the Gaoler of this County.

"In Committee of Safety,"

"PHILA'D. 30th October, 1775.

"*Whereas*, the Honorable the Continental Congress did, on the twenty Eighth day of October, Instant, Resolve that Capt. Duncan Campbell and Lieutenant Symes, and the Men who Came with them in the Transport Rebecca & Francis, be Confined in such Gaols in

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this Colony as the Committee of Safety of said Colony think proper, and that the said Capt. Campbel and Lieut. Symes be allowed for their Subsistance, one and one-third Doller each per week, and the Men one Doller per week each, to be paid out of the Continental Treasury. And the Committee of Safety having taken the said Resolve into Consideration, this Day have determined that the said Duncan Campbel, Lieutenant Symes, and the Men who came with them as aforesaid, be Committed to the Gaol of the City and County of Philadelphia, there to be confined until this Board shall further determine therein. These are, therefore, to require you to receive into your Custody and Strictly Confine in the said Gaol the aforesaid Capt. Duncan Campbel & Lieut. Symes. And them safely keep, without Pen, Ink and Paper, apart from the rest of your Prisoners, and that you permit no person whatever to speak to them or either of them, but in the presence of some member of this Committee, or some other Person authorized by a Member of this Committee in writing, and hereof you are not to fail, at your Peril.

"By order of the Committee,

"Signed, ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Presid't.

"To the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the City and County of Philadelphia."

October 31st.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Alexander Wilcocks,	Owen Biddle,
John Cadwallader,	George Clymer,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Nixon,
James Mease,	Thomas Wharton, jun.

November 1st, 1775.—Ata Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	George Clymer,
Barnard Dougherty,	John Cadwalader,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Miles,
James Mease,	Owen Biddle.
John Nixon.	

Resolved, That Colo. Cadwalader & Mr. Clymer, be a Committee to draw up a Memorial to Congress, respecting the case of Lieutenant Symes, who prays for permission to go to the Camp of General Washington, to wait there for an Exchange of Prisoners.

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November 2nd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	John Montgomery,
George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle,	Barnard Dougherty,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.	James Biddle,
Andrew Allen,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Samuel Miles,	John Cadwalader.

Robert Morris, Esq., acquaints this Board, that he made application to the Assembly for the Barracks being put in proper order for the reception of the Troops now Raising, And that in consequence thereof, the House has given orders to the Barrack Master to see the same done immediately, and to obey such orders as this Committee may issue to him from time to time as Barrack Master.

By order of the Board, an order was Drawn on Michael Hilligas, Esq'r, in favour of Mr. John Maxwell Nesbitt, Paymaster to the Fleet, for five hundred pounds.

Upon Report of Mr. Samuel Morris, jun'r., That the inside of the Fort on Fort Island, is an improper place for errecting a shed for defending the People from the inclemency of the weather.

Therefore, Resolved, That Mr. Robert White and Mr. Samuel Morris, jun'r., Repair any Buildings that may be on the Island, and errect such others as may be found necessary, And that they employ a sufficient number of hands to throw up a Bank and Build a small pier at the upper end of Fort Island, for the purpose of sending with more speed any succours that there may be occasion for at the Island from the main.

The four following Soldiers, taken Prisoners with Capt. Campbel, now in the Gaol of this County, were ordered by this Board to be removed to the Work House, vizt: Edward Mulloy, Robert Colebrooke, John O'Neill and Joseph Taylor.

The Board informed the Gaoler and the Work House keeper of the City and County of Philadelphia, That Capt. Campbel and Lieut. Symes, were allowed, by the Continental Congress, One Doller and one-third of a Doller per week for their Subsistance, and one Doller per week for the Soldiers taken with Capt. Campbel, and that no greater sum will be allowed them.

Doct'r. Duffield Reports his having been down to Province Island and examined the Pest House, and finds it is in good order, and provided with Beds and other necessarys sufficient for the accommodation of Forty Sick Men.

Agreeable to a Resolve of Yesterday, Colo. Cadwalader & Mr. Clymer, drew up the following memorial, which was approved of, and signed by the Vice President:

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"*To the Honorable the Continental Congress; The Memorial of the Committee of Safety For the Province of Pennsylvania, Sheweth:*

"That this Committee, having carried into Execution the sentence passed by Congress against Capt. Campbel, Lieut. Symes, and the Several Soldiers under their Command, by putting them into confinement in the Gaol and Work House of this City, they now beg leave to offer to the Congress, at the instance and request of Lieut. Symes, the Reasons on which he grounds his pretensions to be considered and treated as a Prisoner of War.

"That he came from England to Boston, in the capacity of an army Surgeon, and afterwards was Commissioned as an officer in the Regiment of Royal Highland Emigrants.

"That being order'd on board the Transport Rebecca & Francis, & placed under the absolute direction of Capt. Campbel, whom he before had never seen or heard of, he was Ignorant of the Nature of the Service he was sent on, and of the instructions jointly issued by General Gage to him and Capt. Campbel, until some days after he was at sea

"This Committee having examined into these circumstances, have reason to believe they are consistent with truth.

"Philadelphia, 1st November, 1775."

November 3d.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Andrew Allen,	Samuel Miles,
Samuel Howell,	George Clymer,
John Montgomery,	Samuel Morris, jun.,
James Mease,	Thomas Wharton, jun.,
George Ross,	Bernard Dougherty,
John Nixon,	James Biddle.

Resolved, That Mr. Miles & Mr. Dougherty deliver to Joseph Fox, Esq., Barrack Master, the following order of Assembly, for repairing the Barracks and providing necessaries for quartering the Troops, vizt:

"In Assembly, November 1st., 1775.

"Upon Motion,

"*Ordered*, That the Barrack Master do forthwith put the Barracks near this City into proper repair for receiving the Troops now raising in this Province, and that the said Barrack Master do in future receive and Comply with such orders from the Committee of Safety as they may find necessary to Issue, for quartering Troops in the said Barracks.

"Signed, CH'S MOORE, Cl'k Ass'y."

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That they enquire when the Barracks will be in readiness for the reception of the Troops, likewise what Number of Firelocks are made for this County.

Resolved, as the opinion of this Board, that it is necessary to take some further Measures for the defence of this city than are already provided, & That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Howell, & Mr. Nixon, be a Committee to enquire and to report to this Board if a Ship can be immediately bought, fit for a Provincial Ship of War, or how soon and at what Price such a Ship can be built.

Mr. Samuel Morris, jun'r, & Mr. Robert White, are directed to provide Logs and Plank to build a Third Tier of Chevaux-de-Frize.

Upon application of Capt. Procter, the following order was deliver'd him :

"In Committee of Safety.

"PHILADELPHIA, 3d November, 1775.

"Sir :

"You will please to admit Capt. Thomas Procter, with his Company of Artillery, into the Barracks, and furnish him with the Bedding late belonging to the Royal Artillery Company, and with what other necessarys belonging to the Province, for their accommodation, that you may have in your power to supply him with.

"By order of the Committee,

"Signed, ROB'T MORRIS, vice Presid't.

"To JOSEPH FOX, Esq'r, Barrack Master."

November 6th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Michael Swoope,
John Nixon,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
Samuel Howell,	James Mease,
Barnard Dougherty,	John Cadwalader,
James Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau,
John Montgomery,	Alexander Wilcocks,
George Clymer,	George Gray,
Robert White,	Owen Biddle.
Andrew Allen,	

Mr. Dougherty Reports his having deliver'd the order of Assembly to Jos. Fox, Esq'r, Barrack Master, for repairing the Barracks; That the Barrack Master expected they would be ready for the Reception of the Troops in about 10 days; that he supposed there would be Six Muskets finish'd by Saturday next.

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George Hastings, late Commander of the Ship Rebecca & Francis, being desirous to go to the wreck of said Vessell, now laying on Brigantine Beach, We do hereby certify that the said Commander has been examined by the Committee of Safety of this Province, and regularly discharged. The Articles for the artillery were this day compleated, agreed to, and are as follows, vizt:

"In Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania—Rules and Regulations for the Artillery Company.

"WHEREAS, a Company of Artillery being necessary for the Defence of this Colony, the Committee of Safety have, therefore,

"*Resolved*, to take into pay one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Fife, one Drum, with Twenty-Five Privates, for that service, who are to be Subject to the following Rules and Regulations, viz't:

1. "All Officers and Privates, belonging to the said Company, who Shall be guilty of profane oaths, cursing, Drunkeness, or other scandalous actions, shall incur such punishment as the nature and degree of the offence shall deserve, at the discretion of a Court Martial.

2. "Any Officer or Private who shall strike the Commander-in-Chief, or other his superior Officer, or draw, or offer to draw, or lift up any weapon, or use any violence against him, or shall behave himself with contempt or disrespect to him, them, or either of them, being in the execution of their office, shall be punish'd according to the nature of his offence, at the discretion of a Court Martial.

3. "If any person in, or belonging to the Artillery Company, shall raise, or endeavor to raise a Mutiny, on any pretence whatever, or shall disobey any lawful Commands of his superior officer, he shall, on conviction thereof, suffer such punishment as shall be order'd by a Court Martial.

4. "Any Officer or Private who shall, without leave of his Commanding officer, absent himself from the Company, or from any detachment of the same, or shall advise or persuade any other officer or private so to do, shall be punished at the discretion of a Court Martial.

5. "Every person in time of action, who shall Mutiny, or who, through Cowardice, disaffection or negligence, shall at such time, withdraw or keep back, or not come into the fight or engagement, or shall endeavor to persuade or deter others from doing their duty at such times, Shall Suffer Death.

6. "Every Person who shall desert to the Enemy, or shall intice others so to do, shall Suffer Death, or such other punishment as the Circumstances of the offence shall deserve, and a Court Martial think fit.

7. "Any officer or private who shall be convicted of holding any correspondence with, or giving intelligence to the Enemy, either

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directly or indirectly, Shall Suffer Death, or such punishment as shall be order'd by a Court Martial.

8. "Every officer or private, who shall be convicted of having designedly or carelessly wasted or embezzled the ammunition, arms, Stores, or Provisions, with which they are entrusted for the Public, shall suffer such punishment as a Court Martial shall think proper for the offence.

9. "Whatever officer shall be found Drunk on Guard or under arms, Shall be Cashier'd, and any private so offending, shall be punished at the discretion of a Court Martial.

10. "No person in, or belonging to the said Artillery Company, shall sleep upon his watch, or forsake his post, on pain of such punishment as a Court Martial shall think fit to impose.

11. "Any officer or private who shall, by discharging Fire Arms, beating of Drums, or by any other means, occasion false alarms, shall suffer such punishment as shall be inflicted by a Court Martial.

12. "All officers, of what condition soever, belonging either to the Artillery Company or the Provincial Armed Boats, shall have power to part and quell all quarrels, affrays, and disorders, amongst or between any sailors or Soldiers in the pay of this Province, and order officers to be arrested, and non-Commission'd officers or privates to be confined, 'til their superior officers shall be acquainted therewith, and whoever shall refuse to obey such officer, though of an inferior rank, or shall draw his sword, or lift up any weapon against him, shall be punished at the discretion of a Court Martial.

13. "If any officer or Private shall think himself wronged by his Commanding officer, he may apply to the Committee of Safety, who will redress his grievance.

14. "The Captain of the said Artillery Company shall Rank with the Captains of our armed Boats, according to the Dates of their respective Commissions, and the Lieutenants of said Company shall have rank with the first Lieutenants of the said Boats in like manner, according to the date of their respective Commissions.

15. "All Ships and other vessels and their cargoes, ammunition, artillery, Clothing, or other articles taken from the Enemy, shall be disposed of or distributed as the Provincial Assembly shall hereafter think proper.

16. "If any officer or private shall commit any Crime deserving punishment, he shall by his Commanding Officer be put under arrest, if an officer; or if a non-commission'd officer or Private, be put in confinement until he shall be tried by a Court Martial, or discharged by proper Authority.

17. "If any officer under arrest shall leave his confinement before he is set at liberty by the officer who confined him, or by proper authority, he shall be Cashier'd.

18. "Any officer who shall presume to discharge any Prisoner committed to his charge without proper authority for so doing, or

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shall suffer any prisoner to escape, shall be punished at the discretion of a Court Martial.

19. "If any Commission'd officer shall be convicted before a Court Martial of behaving in a Scandalous, infamous, cruel, oppressive or fraudulent manner, unbecoming the character of an officer, he shall be Dismissed from the Service.

20. "All crimes not capital, and all disorders and neglect which officers and Privates may be guilty of, to the prejudice of good order & Military discipline, though not mention'd in these Articles, shall be taken notice of by a Court Martial, and punished according to the nature of the offence.

21. "No Person to be sentenc'd by a Court Martial to suffer Death, except in the cases expressly mention'd in the foregoing Articles, nor shall any other punishment be inflicted at the discretion of a Court Martial, other than degrading, Cashiering, drumming out of the Company, fine not exceeding two month's pay, and imprisonment not exceeding one month.

22. "The Captain of our said Company of Artillery shall appoint some suitable person to receive all such fines as may arise within the same, for breach of any of these articles, which fines shall be accounted for to the Asssembly or Committee of Safety, and by them to be appropriated for the relief of the maimed and disabled in the Service, and the support of the widows and families of such as may be killed.

23. "Courts Martial may be composed of Commission'd officers from our armed Boats, in conjunction with any of the officers of our Artillery Company, who shall have power to hear and determine all causes agreeable to these articles.

24. "No Court Martial for the trial of offences under the degree of Capital shall consist of Less than five officers, except in cases where that number cannot be conveniently assembled, when there may be sufficient, who are to determine on the Sentence by a Majority of Voices; and in all trials for Capital offences, the Court Martial shall be composed of thirteen officers, and the Sentence be determined by at least two thirds.

25. "All persons belonging to our Boats or our Artillery Company, called as Witnesses in any case before a Court Martial, who shall refuse to attend and give evidence, shall be punished at the discretion of a Court Martial.

26. "All Members of a Court Martial are to behave with calmness, decency and impartiality; and in giving their votes, are to begin with the youngest or lowest in Commission, and all officers are to Rank in Court Martials according to their Commissions.

27. "All Members sitting in a Court Martial shall be sworn or affirmed by the President of said Court, which President shall himself be sworn or affirmed by the officer next in Rank in said Court. The Oath or affirmation to be administer'd previous to their proceeding to the trial of any offender, in form following, viz't.: "You

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" A. B , swear or affirm, that you will well and truly try, and im-
" partially determine the Cause of the Prisoner now to be tried, ac-
" cording to the Rules framed for the Regulations of the Pennsyl-
" vania Artillery Company, (if an Oath, add.) so help you God."

28. "The President of the Court Martial shall administer the following oath or affirmation to all Persons called to give Evidence, 'You Swear or affirm, that the Evidence you shall give in the cause now trying, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth,' if an Oath, add, 'so help you God.'

29. "No Person shall suffer Death, agreeable to the Sentence of a Court Martial (except in the cases mention'd in the 5th Article,) until the Sentence is confirmed by the Assembly, or in their recess by the Committee of Safety.

30. "The Captain of the said Artillery Company shall, in the begining of every month, make a faithful return to the Committee of Safety of the Men in his Company, to be signed by himself; and upon being convicted of having made a false return, shall be discharged from the Service; and if he neglect to make a return within the month, shall be fined, at the discretion of said Committee.

31. "No officer or private shall be tried a second time for the same offence.

32. "And for the Encouragement of good and able bodied Men to enter into the said Artillery Company, the Committee of Safety have resolv'd to pay to the Captain of the said Company Twenty Dollers ℔ month, to the Lieutenant Fourteen Dollers ℔ month, and to each Private, Fife and Drum, Six Dollers ℔ month, with the same allowance of Provisions and Liquor as order'd for the Armed Boats.

"We, the underwritten, having seen and distinctly heard the the foregoing articles Read, and fully understanding the contents thereof, Do freely and Voluntarily Subject ourselves to all and every of the Rules, Regulations and Restrictions therein contained. In Witness whereof we hereunto subscribe our Names.

"PHILADELPHIA, November 6th, 1775."

Resolved, That Capt. Proctor be supplyed by the Master at Arms with the firelocks furnish'd by Colo. Cadwalader, now on Board the Armed Boats, taking his receipts for the same; and that the Master at Arms replace the number of Firelocks taken from on Board the Boats as soon as Possible.

That he appoint the necessary non-Commission'd Officers of his Company, they serving for the Common Pay.

That he may order his Men to the Barracks immediately.

That Robert Towers supply him with Six Cannon, with Carriages and every other necessary for them.

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November 7th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	John Nixon,
George Gray,	Samuel Miles,
Samuel Howell,	Samuel Morris, Jun'r,
George Clymer,	John Cadwalader,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, jun.,
James Biddle,	Owen Biddle,
Andrew Allen,	

Resolved, That Samuel Howell & Colo. Cadwalader be a Committee to purchase some powder, now in Reading, from Jonathan Potts, Esq'r.

Upon application of Andrew Allen, Esq'r, from the Continental Congress to this Board, for a quantity of Gun Powder,

Resolved, That this Board furnish the Congress with five hundred Pounds of Gun Powder, and that Robert Morris, Esq'r, give an order for the same.

Resolved, That the Committee of accounts, joined with Mr. Gray and Mr. Miles, be a Committee for borrowing the Sum of ten thousand Pounds, for the use of this Province, and that the Board will give their Bond for the same.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau, Colo. Cadwalader, & Colo. Nixon, be a Committee to inquire what Services the Master at arms has done; To know if such an officer is necessary to the armed Boats, and if the present one is sufficient to the appointment; That they draw up Instructions for his Government.

Resolved, That Mr. Mease, Mr. Nixon, & Mr. Wharton, the Committee of Accounts, purchase from Mr. Peter Knight all the Turpentine he has for sale.

Resolved, That Mr. Howell & Mr. Clymer be a Committee to enquire into the quantity of Sulphur that is now in this City.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., Treasurer to this Board, for one thousand pound, in favour of Thomas Wharton, John Nixon, & James Mease, Committee of accounts.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that Mr. Wharton, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Howell, Mr. Rob't Morris, & Mr. Clymer, be a Committee to Contract with such Persons as they may think most Capable, for the immediate building and equipping a Ship of war for the River Service, to mount twenty Eighteen pounders, and to provide the Guns, necessary ammunition, Provisions, and other articles fitting for such Ship.

Resolved, That Mr. Wilcocks, Mr. James Riddle, & Mr. Owen Biddle, be a Committee to apply to the Barrack Master to go and inspect the condition of the Barracks, examine the quantity and quality of the Provincial Stores, to take a list of the same, and make Report to this Board.

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Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle, Mr. Clymer, & Mr. Cadwalader, be a Committee to inquire and make Report to this Board, whether there is any Person Skill'd in the casting of large Cannon, and whether the Same can be done at any of the Furnaces in this Province.

Resolved, That as it appears to this Board that the providing a number of Fire Rafts will contribute greatly to defend this City against hostile attacks from Men-of-War; Mr. Howell, Capt. Whyte, Mr. James Biddle, & Mr. Owen Biddle, be a Committee to inquire into the construction of such Fire Rafts, and to give immediate directions for building so many of them as may be necessary, and Report thereon to this Committee.

The Committee for Regulating the Pilots, Reported to the Board the following Rules and Regulations for the Conduct of the Pilots appointed to convey all vessels up and down the River between Chester and Philadelphia, with the Copy of the Certificates, which they have agreed upon and have deliver'd to the said Pilots; and the Board having taken the same into consideration, do approve of them, and order them to be enter'd on their Minutes.

The Committee of Safety having order'd and directed that ten Pilots only, be employed in conducting all vessels between Philadelphia and Chester, whether inward or outward Bound; the following are the Rules & Regulations concerning them, vizt.:

1st. "That five of the said number of Pilots be in readiness at Philadelphia to carry vessels down to Chester, and having performed that Service, are immediately to return, by Land or in their skiffs, to Philadelphia.

2nd. "That the other five be at Chester to bring vessels up from thence to Philadelphia, and are to return in like manner to Chester.

3rd. "That no Pilots be allowed to return to his Station otherwise than as above, unless where it happens that any vessel shall be in want of a Pilot, and there is none other on the Spot, in which case he may take charge of her.

4th. "That each Sett of Pilots change their Stations every ten days, unless it be otherwise agreed amongst themselves.

5th. "That such of the five Pilots at Philadelphia, as are not absent upon Duty, shall attend from 10 to 1 o'Clock every day, at the House of Clement Humphreys, on Pine Street wharf, and those at Chester, at the House of Mrs. Withy, to receive applications from Owners or Masters of Vessels.

6th. "That the several Pilots be obliged to perform the services required in Rotation, according to the Number of the Ticket or certificate of their appointment that each one receives from the Committee of Safety, unless where otherwise agreed among themselves. And that applications made by Owners or Masters of vessels at the aforesaid Houses, be deemed due and sufficient Notice.

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"That none of the Pilots so employed, demand or receive any Pilotage from Owners or Masters of Vessels for such service, they being in the pay of the Committee of Safety for this Special purpose.

The following is the form of the Certificate deliver'd the ten Pilots, vizt. :

"John Snyder, Pilot, is appointed by the Committee of Safety of the Province of Pennsylvania, to conduct vessels between the Port of Philadelphia & Chester.

"By order of the Committee,

"Sign'd, ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Presd't.

"Dated, Philadelphia, 22nd October, 1775."

Resolved, That Mr. Francis Johnston be appointed to pay the Pilots that may bring up any vessels to Chester, that may choose to receive it of him, And that he be furnished by the Committee of Accounts, with fifty Pounds for that purpose; he is also to receive from the Pilots he pays the orders on the Owners of the Ships, endorsed payable to this Board.

"*Resolved*, That John Christie be appointed 2nd Lieutenant to the armed Boat Dickinson.

Capt. Hastings was this Day discharged of his Parole, and leave given him to depart this Province.

The Sub Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Expence of building and equipping a Ship of war for the River Service, capable of mounting Twenty Eighteen pounders, Exclusive of Guns and the necessary Ammunition, Seamens' Wages, and Provisions, Report, as their Opinion, that it will require the Sum of Nine thousand Pounds.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau inform the Gaoler of this city that it is the order of this Board that he permit the friends of Mr. Snowden & Mr. Carter, now prisoner by order of this Board, to visit them during their confinement, And that he acquaint the said Prisoners that this Board will discharge them from their confinement on their giving Security in the sum of one hundred pounds each, for their future good behaviour.

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November 8th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
Barnard Dougherty,	George Clymer,
Samuel Miles,	James Mease,
John Montgomery,	John Cadwalader,
James Biddle,	Andrew Allen.

Mr. Montgomery deliver'd this Board the following Resolve of the Committee of Cumberland County, vizt.:

"SHIPPENSBURG, 2nd November, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That Colo. Wilson & Colo. Montgomery be directed to dispose of all the Powder and Lead now in this County to the Committee of Safety, and pay the townships their respective Quotas before the ammunition is taken out of the County.

"Sign'd, JAMES WILSON, Chairman."

In consequence of the above Resolve, this board agree to purchase the said Powder and Lead, & Mr. Montgomery & Mr. Wilson are desired to make out an account of the same, when they shall have an order for the amount.

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having receiv'd the following articles into Store, vizt.:

lb. oz.
235, 12 of Battle Powder, from Oswald Eve.
10 quarter Casks Powder, w't 250lbs., from ditto, which last Powder was sent him to repair.
34lbs. Lead Bullets, from Capt. Furman.
118lbs. Lead, from James Ince.
16 Provincial Muskets,
11 Steel ram Rods,
13 Bayonets,
26 Cartridge Boxes,
23 Scabbards,
5 Frogs, } from Capt. Cadwalader.
5 Provincial Muskets,
4 do. Bayonets, } from Capt. Pryor.
5 do. Muskets,
1 do. Bayonet, } from Capt. Todd.
3 do. Muskets, from Joseph Fox, rec'd from Northampton.
107 lbs. Lead Ball,
84 Tea chest Lead,
7 Swivel Ball, } from Mrs. Montgomery.
1 Musket from cost 37s. 6.
1 Province Musket, from Chris'r Ludwick.
1 Musket bought of Mr. Dun,
1500 Lock Brushes, Prickers, & Wiers, from George Gray, Esq'r.
30 Pikes from Samuel Wheeler.

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Mrs. Ann Gibbs having imported Fire Arms to the Amount of Forty-Seven Pounds,

Resolved, That Mrs. Gibbs have a certificate of the said Arms being purchas'd by this Board, and that she may be allowed to export Provisions to that amount, agreeable to a resolve of Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle, Capt. Whyte, & Mr. Clymer, be a Committee to consider the most effectual way of connecting the Chivaux de Frize by chains, and that they procure a chain for that purpose.

November 9th —At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	John Cadwalader,
Samuel Miles,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Gray,	Alexander Wilcocks,
George Clymer,	James Mease.
Samuel Howell,	

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Miles engage Sebastian Keely to make 100 Firelocks for the use of this Province.

Agreeable to the above resolve, Mr. Miles informs this Board that Mr. Keely has engaged to deliver Six Firelocks ℔ week, until he compleats one hundred, and has deliver'd him a pattern Gun made by Mr. Prahl.

Mr. Alexander Wilcocks & Mr. Owen Biddle, *Report* their having gone with the Barrack Master to the Barracks, and examined the Bedding, Furniture, &ca., belonging to this Province, took an account of the Same, and is as follows:

Officers' Bedding.

18 Feather Beds,
16 Bed Curtains,
5 Bolsters,
3 Pillows,
13 Sacking Bottoms,
A Number of Bedsteads in Pieces.

Soldiers' Bedding.

306 Blankets, 250 of which are very bad,
112 Linnen Bed Cases, most of them Bad,
57 Bolster Cases, many bad.

Mr. Fox says there is in a Cellar in the Barracks, about 20 Iron Potts, a Parcel of Iron Shovels, Tongs, and Dogs, mostly broke.

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Furniture.

35 Chairs, many broke,
19 Tables, do.
2 looking Glasses.

The quantity of Powder at present in the Canon Cartridges, having, upon trial, been found insufficient, the Captains were order'd this day to encrease the Quantity by employing some Cartridges to make up the proper quantity in others.

November 10th, 1775—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Samuel Miles,
Samuel Howell,	George Clymer,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Barnard Dougherty,	Alexander Wilcocks,
John Cadwalader,	Owen Biddle,
John Nixon,	James Biddle,
Joseph Read,	James Mease.

The Continental Congress having recommended to the Assembly, or the Committee of Safety, to raise and Supply a Battalion for the defence of the Liberties of America, and having deliver'd this Board an order on their Treasurer for the Sum of Three thousand *Dollers*, it becomes necessary to appoint a Treasurer for the purposes of re-receiving and paying all Monies respecting the said Battalion; Therefore,

Resolved, That Messrs. Mease and Caldwell be, and they are hereby appointed joint Treasurers, or Pay Masters, for the time being, and that the said order be deliver'd them.

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Caldwell purchase a sufficient number of Blankets for supplying the Battalion now raising in this Province, for the Continental Service.

Resolved, That the Barrack Master be directed to deliver to the Captain of each Company of the Battalion raising in this Province, a proportionable part of the Bedding and utensils now in the Barracks, taking from each Captain a Receipt for such as shall be deliver'd him, which receipt shall also contain a promise that such Bedding and utensils as are intended for officers, shall not be made use of by any of the Private Men in their Respective Companies, and that the same be used in the Barracks only, and be return'd to the Barrack Master on demand.

Resolved, That each of the Captains of the Continental Battalion now raising, be directed to look out for a sufficient number of good Substantial Firelocks and Bayonets for the use of the Men in their Respective Companies, and the same being approved of as to Price and quality, by Robert Towers, Commissary, and Thomas

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Savage, and they Certifying the same, the officers shall then purchase them, and receive an order from this Board for the amount of the purchase Money of such Muskets as shall be so approved of.

The Committee appointed to Contract for building a Ship, informing the Board from the unfitness of the Season, and the many difficulties they foresee in the execution of the work, they apprehend she will not be compleated so early the next Year as the public service may require; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Committee be authorized to make an immediate purchase, and equip any Ship they may think suitable for the purpose.

Resolved, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Clymer, & Mr. Nixon, the Committee of Pilots, be desired to hire a pilot Boat to cruise in the Bay of Delaware, as an Express or Intelligence Boat.

Nov'r 11th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert White,
John Nixon,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
Samuel Morris, jun'r.	Samuel Miles,
George Gray,	John Montgomery,
James Mease,	John Cadwalader,
Alexander Wilcocks,	Samuel Howell.

Agreeable to a Resolve of Yesterday, the order for three thousand Dollars for the use of the Battalion now raising, was this day deliver'd to Messrs. Mease and Caldwell, and is as follows:

"Congress Chamber, 9th Novem'r, 1775.

"Gentlemen:

"Please to pay to the Committee of Safety of Philad'a. three thousand Dollars, an advance for the use of the Battalion now raising, the Expenditure of which to be accounted for by the said Committee of Safety. By order of the Congress,

"Signed JOHN HANCOCK, Presid't.

"To Michael Hillegas, & "George Clymer, Esq'rs. } Continental Treasurers.

"Endorsed In Committee.

"Please to pay the contents to Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for account of the Battalion now raising in this Province.

"Sign'd, ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Presid't.

"By order of the Board."

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Mr. Towers, Commissary, is order'd to deliverto Capt. Procter Six Eighteen Pound Canon, with all the necessary Stores and implements belonging to them, for the Service of this Province at Fort Island.

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Caldwell purchase a sufficient Number of Shoes, Hats, Stockings and Linnen proper for Hunting Shirts, for the Batalion now raising in this Province for the Continental Service.

Resolved by this Committee, That it is expedient to provide one thousand Firelocks and Bayonets for the defence of this Province.

That Colo. Cadwalader & Mr. Wilcocks, request the favour of Capt. Shee and Capt. Wilcocks & Capt. Cadwalader to contract for and provide the same.

Colo. Cadwalader & Mr. Wilcocks, Report to this Board that the above Mention'd Gentlemen, will endeavour to contract for and supply the number of Firelocks required.

Resolved, That Capt. Shee, Capt. Wilcocks & Capt. Cadwalader be authorized to contract for and provide any number of Firelocks and Bayonets, not exceeding one thousand, to be made agreeable to a pattern which this Board will deliver them, And for a price that shall not exceed what is given by the Commissioners & Assessors of the County where they shall make such contract; That the said Firelocks, before they are accepted, shall be proved by Robert Towers, Commissary; And this Board do agree to advance such sums of money as may be necessary to expedite and complete the said business.

John Saunders, Pilot, being a Person who, by the Regulations of this Board, ought not to bring a Vessel higher up the River Delaware than the Town of Chester, having wantonly, in defiance of the orders of this Board, brought a Ship through the Chivaux de Frize, to the great danger of damaging the said Ship and hazard of the Safety of this Province,

This Board, after due Examination, and being fully satisfied of the truth of the above Facts, in order to punish the said Pilot, and to deter others from the like offences, Do

Resolve, That the said John Saunders be Committed to the Common Gaol of this County, and there to be kept in safe Custody, during the pleasure of this Board.

In Consequence of the above Resolve, the following Commitment was Issued, viz't:

"In Committee of Safety.

"You are hereby required to receive into your Custody the Body of John Saunders, and Safely keep him in the Gaol of Philadelphia County, until you receive the further order of this Board.

"Signed, ROBEBT MORRIS, Vice Presid't.

"To Thomas Dewees, Keeper of the Gaol of Philadelphia County.

"November 11th, 1775."

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November 13th.—In Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	Robert Whyte,
John Cadwalader,	Owen Biddle,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,	George Clymer,
Barnard Dougherty,	John Nixon.
Daniel Roberdeau,	

Upon application of Capt. Procter, of the Artillery Company, an Order was drawn, by order of the Board, on Joseph Fox, Esq'r., to deliver him what Provincial Arms he may have in his possession.

Oliver De Lancey, a Lieutenant in his Majesty's Navy, having arrived here from London,

Upon Motion, it is

Resolved, that he should give the following Parole of Honor, which he read, agreed to, and Signed, viz't:

"I, Oliver De Lancey, Lieutenant in his Majesty's Navy, now in the custody and under the Protection of the Committee of Safety of the Province of Pennsylvania, Do hereby promise, upon the Honor of an Officer and a Gentleman, that I will not bear arms against the United American Colonies during the present Contest between them and Great Britain, And that I will not in that time attempt to give any intelligence to the British Ministry, or to any officer Commanding any Troops employed against the Colonies, or Persons holding any office under the British Government, on any Matter relative to America.

"Signed, OLIVER DE LANCEY."

November 15th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Robert Whyte,
Robert Morris,	George Clymer,
John Nixon,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Alexander Wilcocks,	Samuel Miles,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Cadwalader,
Barnard Dougherty,	Anthony Wayne.
James Mease,	

An account of Thomas Dewees, Gaol Keeper, for Liquor and Provisions supplied the Guards that attended whilst Doct. Kearsley and I. Brooks were confined, was exhibited to the Board, and Upon Consideration thereof, and the sense of the Board being taken thereon,

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Resolved, That this Board will allow every Person that Mounted Guard on that occasion Continental pay, or Eighteen pence every twelve Hours for a Private, and in proportion for a greater or less time, with Twelve pence in lieu of Rations, and no More.

November 16th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	James Mease,
Samuel Howell,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
Samuel Miles,	Anthony Wayne,
George Taylor,	John Montgomery,
Barnard Dougherty,	George Clymer.

By order of the Board, the order drawn the 29th Sept., agreeable to a resolve of the 26th, on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r. Treasurer to this Board, in favour of the Commissioners & Assessors of Northampton County, for the Sum of three hundred pounds, was deliver'd to George Taylor, Esq'r., to be transmitted to them.

Resolved, That Samuel Morris, jun'r. & Robert Whyte, the Committee for purchasing Logs for constructing Chivaux de Frize, do contract for and engage a sufficient number of Logs for building three tier of them.

Resolved, That one more tier of Chivaux de Frize be sunk above those already sunk near to Fort Island.

That two tier of Chevaux de Frize be sunk, for the further Security of this province, in the Channel opposite or near to Marcus Hook.

Resolved, That James Josiah be appointed 1st. Lieutenant to the Armed Boat Chatham, Commanded by Capt. Alexander.

That Mitchell be appointed Second Lieutenant to Capt. Alexander.

November 17th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Benjamin Franklin,	Anthony Wayne,
Robert Morris,	John Nixon,
Barnard Dougherty,	Robert Whyte,
Joseph Read,	George Clymer,
Owen Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau.

¶ Robert Towers, Commiss'y., *Reports* his having received 203 pounds of Gun powder from George Lush, which is made out of Salt Peter purchased by this Board, And that there is 17 lbs of Salt Peter wasted, in refining the 117 lbs receiv'd from York Town.

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Capt. Dougherty having informed this Board that William Green, a person employed on board one of the Armed Boats, had publicly said he would enter on board a Man War the first opportunity, and do what Mischief he could, as he was a pilot.

In Consequence of the above information, *Resolved*, that the said William Green be Committed to the Common Gaol of this County, during the pleasure of this board, to be there confined.

Agreeable to which Resolve, the following Commitment was Issued, vizt:

"In Committee of Safety.

"Novem'r. 17th, 1775.

"You are hereby required to receive into your Custody the Body of William Green, a person employed on board The armed Boat Congress, in the service of this Province, and safely keep him in the Gaol of Philadelphia County, until you receive the further order of this Board."

Resolved, That the Gunners and Matrosses, belonging to the Artillery Company, be allowed the accoutrements, as proposed by Capt. Thos. Proctor.

That Robert Towers, Commissary, get made a sufficient Gin for the use of the Artillery at Fort Island.

That Capt. Proctor provide a Drum and Fife for his Company.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn and signed by the President, on Messrs. Mease and Caldwell, Treasurers to the Battalion now raising in this Province, for the service of the Continent, in favour of Capt. Thos. Dorsey, for sixty-six pounds seven shillings, being for nineteen Firelocks he purchased for the use of his Company.

By order of the Board, a Letter was wrote to the Committee of Cumberland County, respecting some Firelocks in that County belonging to this Province, recommending them to be put into the hands of the Poor Associators.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn and signed by Daniel Roberdeau, on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, Treasurers to the Continental Battalion now raising in this Province, in favour of Thomas Miles, for four pounds five shillings, being for a musket bought by Capt. Harmer, for the use of his Company in said Battalion.

November 18th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	John Cadwalader,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Clymer,
John Nixon,	Owen Biddle.

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November 20th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
Thomas Wharton,	Michael Swoope,
Barnard Dougherty,	Alexander Wilcocks.

By order of the Board,

An order was deliver'd to Mr. Chamberlain, Master at Arms, on Robert Towers, Commissary, for 155 priming wires and Brushes, for the use of the arms on board the armed Boats.

November 21st.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

George Clymer,	John Cadwallader,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Robert Whyte,
Owen Biddle,	James Biddle.

Upon application of this Board to the Honorable the Assembly, they were pleased to come to the following Resolve, viz't:

"*Resolved*, That in the absence of the President and Vice President, any seven or more of the Committee of Safety being met, may chuse a chairman for the time, in place of the President and Vice President so absent. Extract from the Minutes.

"CHAS. MOORE, Cl'k of Assembly."

Upon application of Capt. William Jenkins, for the Payment of Forty Firelocks, purchased by him for the use of his Company, in the Battalion now raising for the Continental Service; By order of the Board, an order was drawn on the Treasurers of said Battalion in his favour for one hundred and thirty-three pounds three shillings, & signed by the chairman.

By order of the Board,

Joseph Fox, Barrack Master, was directed to provide straw sufficient for the Bedding of 27 Men, belonging to Capt. Procter's Company.

Resolved, That William Allen, jun'r, Jonathan Jones, William Williams, Josiah Harmer, Marien Le Mar, Thomas Dorsey, William Jenkins, and Austin Willet, Captains of the Battalion now raising in the Continental Service, Joseph Fox, Esq'r, Barrack Master, & Mr. Sam'l Caldwell, be desired to attend this Board to-morrow morning at 11 o'Clock.

Upon application of Capt. Josiah Harmer, for the payment of 2 Muskets, purchased by him for the use of his Company in the Continental Battalion now raising, an order was drawn on the

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Treasurer of said Battalion, in his favour, for six pounds eight shillings and six pence.

Upon application from the Continental Congress, by Robert Morris, Esq'r, to this Committee, for the purchase of the Ship Sally,

Resolved, That Thomas Wharton, jun'r, call on Mr. Morris, and inform him that this Committee have agree'd to let them have the said Ship at the price they bought her, with all charges since accrued.

Resolved, That Francis Gilbert be Second Lieutenant on Board the armed Boat Washington.

By order of the Board, an order was deliver'd to Capt. Shee & Capt. Cadwalader, on Robert Towers, Commissary, for what pattern Firelocks & Bayonets they may have occasion for.

Nov'r 22nd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

DANIEL ROBERDEAU, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	George Clymer,
Samuel Morris, jun'r,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Howell,
James Biddle,	John Cadwalader.

Upon application of Capt. James Biddle and Capt. Joseph Moulder, By order of the Board, an order was directed to Mr. Towers, Commissary, to deliver to Capt. Biddle 25 Gun Slings, and to Capt. Moulder 60 Gun Slings, for the use of their respective artillery Companies.

Resolved, That the Committee of accounts be allowed a Clerk, for transacting any business of this Board that may come before them.

The Committee of the City and Liberties having deliver'd Capt. Benj'a. Loxley three-quarter Casks of Powder, for the use of the united artillery Companies of this City, and Capt. Moulder & Capt. Biddle having applied to this Board, each for one-quarter cask of said Powder for the use of their Companies,

An order was drawn, directing Capt. Loxley to deliver to Capt. Moulder 1 quarter cask, and to Capt. Biddle one-quarter cask.

Resolved, That Messrs. Samuel Howell, Thomas Wharton & James Biddle, be a Committee to purchase for this Board 100 Pieces of Russia & Holland Duck, if properly imported, 48 Muskets, 12 Cutlasses & 540 pounds of Gun Powder, imported by Messrs. York & Pringle.

Resolved, That the allowance to those who mount guard by order of this Board, shall be to every Private Continental pay, or Eigh-

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teen pence for every 12 Hours, with 12d. in lieu of Rations, and no more, and in proportion to every officer according to his Rank.

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Caldwell be directed to deliver an equal share of the Shoes, Hats & Blankets, purchased by him, for the use of the Battalion now raising in this Province for the Continental Service, to the Captains of the several Companies, and to take receipts for the same.

The Captains of the different Companies of the above mention Battalion attended, agreeable to the desire of this Board, and were made acquainted with the above Resolve.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. John Maxwell Nesbitt, for forty-one shillings, in favour of William Wallace, being for Lodging and Medecines for a Sick Man belonging to Capt. Hamilton's Boat.

Resolved, That Robert Hume be appointed Second Lieutenant of the armed Boat Ranger.

By desire of this Board, Joseph Fox, Esq'r, Barrack Master, attended, and Reports, That the upper part of the Barracks are now in proper order for the reception of any Troops that may be ordered there, and that the Carpenters are now at work in the cellar part of them.

That he did not understand by the Resolve of Assembly, that he had any more to do respecting the providing for the reception of the Troops, than to put the Barracks into proper order.

That he will purchase Wood, Straw, & any other necessarys for the Troops, provided he is furnished with money for that purpose.

Upon application of Mr. Carpenter Wharton, Commissary of Provisions to the Battalion now raising, Mr. Fox, Barrack Master, was desired to let him have two cellar Rooms in the Barracks.

November 23rd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

DANIEL ROBERDEAU, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Owen Biddle,
Alexander Wilcocks,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
James Mease,	Samuel Howell.

Thomas Dewees, Gaol Keeper, having exhibited his account to this Board for the Expences of the different Guards of the Gaol while Doct'r Kearsley, I. Brooks, & Leonard Snowden, were confined there, & three different accounts for the maintenance of said Kearsley, Brooks, and Snowden; It was

Resolved, That the said accounts be allowed, and that orders be drawn for the same. Accordingly three orders were drawn in his favour, on Thomas Wharton, jun'r., and others, the Committee of

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accounts, amounting in the whole to fifty-three pounds four Sh'gs & 1d.

One for £22 14 10, to be charged to this Board, for Guard Expences.

One for 11 7 5, to be charg'd to Doct'r Jno. Kearsley, for Guard Expences.

One for 8 12 2, to be charg'd to Doct'r Kearsley, for his Expences while in Gaol.

One for 10 9 8, to be charged to this Board, being for the Expences of I. Brooks & Leonard Snowden.

Resolved, That Capt. Dougherty be directed to give orders to the Captains of the armed Boats, to make returns of the Blankets and Bedding belonging to the Men in their respective Boats, and that such Return be made to this Board on Monday next.

Colo. Roberdeau & Mr. Biddle, Reports their having Examined the Baggage belonging to Officers of the Ministerial Troops at Boston, taken from on board the Ship Hope, Capt. Curwin, from Cork the 12th August last, and they now deliver a list of them; And they further Report, that they have put the whole into the hands of Robert Towers, Commissary, to be taken care of.

Order'd, That the Continental Congress be furnish'd with a list of the above mention'd officers' baggage.

This Board understanding that a quantity of Sail Cloth, taken out of the wreck of the Ship Rebecca & Frances, with other things belonging to her, are to be sold on Tuesday next, at Absecon Beach, it is

Resolved, That Joseph Moulder be employed to go down to said sale, and purchase, for the use of the Board, the said Sail Cloth and Sails, at such price as he may think they may be worth, and the Cables & Rigging, if they can be got at low prices.

Doct'r Duffield, who went yesterday to enquire of the overseer at the pest House, upon what terms he would agree to attend and Supply such Sick Persons as should be sent there from the armed Boats, Now Reports, that the said Overseer agrees to attend the sick, & furnish them with Provisions, Drink, and wash for them, at the rate of ten Shillings per week for each Man, and two Shillings per week for Fire Wood.

And the Doct'r informs that he and Doct'r Rush will attend at the Pest House in Rotation, and take proper care of the Sick and Wounded Men.

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November 24th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Warton, jun'r.,
James Mease,	Samuel Howell,
Anthony Wayne,	George Clymer,
James Biddle,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Read.
Robert Whyte,	

The Congress this day sent to this Committee the following Resolves, which are order'd by the Board to be enter'd on their Minutes, and are as follows:

"In Congress, November 17th, 1775.

"On Motion Made,

"*Resolved*, That the Commission'd Officers taken in the Forts of Chambly and St. Johns, be put upon their parole of Honor, that they will not go into or near any Seaport Town, nor farther than Six Miles distance from the respective places of their residence, without leave of the Continental Congress, and that they will carry on no political correspondence whatever, on the subject of the dispute between Great Britain and these Colonies, so long as they remain Prisoners.

"Extract from the Minutes,
"Sign'd, CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y."

"Application being made in behalf of Lieut. Symes, now in the Gaol of this City, that he be allowed to reside at Trenton, on the same parole as the other officers there; The same was granted.

"Extract from the Minutes.
"Sign'd, CHAS. THOMSON, Sect'y."

In consequence of a Resolve of Congress, Lieut. Symes was discharged from confinement, and the following Parole was taken and signed by him, viz't:

"I, James Smyth Symes, Lieut. in the Regiment of Royal Highland Emigrants, now a prisoner in the United Colonies, being enlarged from confinement, do Hereby promise, upon the Honor of a Gentleman, to go to Trenton in New Jersey, after which I will not go to or near any Sea Port Town, nor farther than Six Miles from my place of Residence, without leave from the Continental Congress; That I will carry on no Political Correspondence whatever, on the subject of Dispute between Great Britain and these Colonies, so long as I remain a prisoner.

"Sign'd, JAMES SMYTH SYMES."

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Upon application of Lieut. Symes, he was furnished with a copy of his written Parole.

Resolved, That Messrs. Alexander Wilcocks & Owen Biddle be a Committee to prepare a Letter to the Committee of Westmoreland County, respecting Provincial Arms, and those that they purchased in lieu of them that was to be made in that County, agreeable to the direction of the Assembly.

Resolved, That Messrs. Joseph Read & Geo. Clymer wait on the Honorable Continental Congress, and humbly suggest to their consideration an Amendment of the Resolution of the 15th July, respecting the exportation of the produce of these Colonies in lieu of Arms and Ammunition hereafter imported, so as that Lumber may be excepted out of the said Resolve, it being the unanimous opinion of this Committee that the Value of Lumber bears so small a proportion to that of Arms and Ammunition, that such quantities of Lumber may, and probably will be exported, as to destroy the efficacy of the non-Exportation agreement in a most essential Article.

Mr. Wilcocks & Mr. Nixon, the Committee appointed to Inspect the Condition of the Soldiers confined in the Work House and Gaol of the City, now Report: That those Soldiers who are confined in the Work House declared, that they had no complaint to make on account of their accommodation with Provisions and Lodging, except that they had no bedding, & begged that they should be allowed Blankets sufficient to keep them comfortable at this season. The Soldiers in the Gaol complain that the Provisions supplied them was insufficient for their subsistance, and that they wanted firing and bedding.

Your Committee directed the Gaoler to provide them wood for Fire, and upon examination, were of opinion that their complaints were not well founded, and gave such direction for their future supply as will leave them no reasonable cause of Complaint.

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having Receiv'd from Thos. Yorke, 10½ barrels Powder, weighing 500lbs.

November 25th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chair'n.

James Mease,	Anthony Wayne,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Samuel Howell,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,	Owen Biddle,

Upon ap'lication of Mr. Thomas Wharton, one of the Committee for importing and procuring of Gun Powder, Arms, &c., for the use of this Province; it is,

Resolved, That they, the said Committee, direct Mr. John Wilcocks to load the ship Woodmas, Capt. Henderson, with the pro-

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duce of these Colonies, for the purpose of procuring said Articles from Foreign Parts, & that the following Certificate be issued, vizt.:

"This is to certifie that Mr. John Wilcocks has permission to Load the Ship Woodmas, ——— Henderson, Mr., with the pro duce of these Colonies, the same being for account of this Province, agreeable to a Resolve of the Honorable the Congress, dated 26th October, 1775.

"By order of the Committee,

"Sign'd, GEO. CLYMER, Chairman.

"To the Committee of Inspection and observation for this or any other Province, and all whom these present may concern."

The Board taking into consideration the absolute necessity of procuring a number of heavy Canon as soon as possible, it was

Upon Motion made,

Resolved, That Messrs. George Clymer, James Mease, Samuel Howell, Owen Biddle, Anthony Wayne, & John Cadwalader, be a Committee, with full powers, to compleat an agreement with Mr. Samuel Potts and Mr. Bustead, for casting a Number of heavy Canon, and that these Gentlemen be requested to take Mr. Rittenhouse with them to Mr. Potts's Works, or to take any other Measures for effecting this purpose which they may think proper.

Upon Motion,

Order'd, That Mr. Rittenhouse, Capt. White, Mr. Luke Morris, Mr. Peter Reeve, and Mr. Oswald Eve, or any three of them, be requested to make a survey of the River Delaware from Marcus Hook to this City, with the several Shoals, Barrs, and depths of water, with descriptions of the Shores, and Elevation of the Banks, and make return of the same to this Board.

Resolved, That the Captains of the armed Boats be informed that they are to send their Sick people to the Pest House on Province Island, where there is beds provided for their reception, and an agreement made with the overseer of the House to furnish them with Provisions, Fire Wood, proper Drink, and to wash for them; And that Doct'r Rush & Doct'r Duffield will attend there in Rotation.

Upon Motion made,

Ordered, That the following Resolves of Congress be enter'd upon the Minutes of this Committee, vizt.:

"In Congress, Wenesday 22nd November, 1775.

"The Congress resumed the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole, and the same was agreed to, as follows:

"The Committee of the whole House, to whom were referred the several petitions from the Island of Bermuda, representing the

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distress to which they are exposed by the non-exportation agreement, and praying to be relieved in such manner as the Congress may deem consistent with the Safety of America, Report that they have considered the same, and thereupon came to the following Resolutions:

"That the Inhabitants of the Island of Bermuda appear Friendly to the cause of America, and ought to be supplied with such and so great a quantity of the produce of the Colonies as may be necessary for their Subsistance and home consumption; that, in the opinion of this Committee, they will annually require, for the purposes aforesaid, Seventy-two thousand bushels of Indian Corn, two thousand Barrels of Bread or Flour, one thousand barrels of beef or Pork, two thousand one hundred bushels of Pease or Beans, and three hundred tierces of Rice, and that they be permitted to export the same yearly.

"That the said inhabitants ought to pay for the above annual allowance in Salt, but it is not the design of this Resolution to exclude them from the priviledge of receiving American produce to any amount in exchange for arms, ammunition, Salt petre, Sulphur, and Field Pieces, agreeable to a Resolution of Congress, passed the 15th of July last.

"That to enable such of these Colonies as can conveniently furnish the said Island of Bermuda with the above mentioned annual allowance, to divide whatever advantages may result therefrom, in proportion to their respective Shares of the general expence, it is further the opinion of this Committee,

"That the Colony of South Carolina Supply them with three hundred Tierces of Rice.

"That the Colony of North Carolina Supply them with Sixteen thousand Bushels of Indian Corn, and four hundred and Sixty-Eight bushels of Peas or Beans.

"That the Colony of Virginia Supply them with thirty-Six thousand bushels of Indian Corn, and one thousand and Fifty Bushels of Peas or Beans.

"That the Colony of Maryland supply them with twenty-thousand Bushels of Indian Corn, and five hundred and Eighty-two Bushels of Peas or Beans.

"That the Colony of Pennsylvania Supply them with twelve hundred barrels of Flour or Bread, and Six hundred barrels of beef or Pork.

"That the Colony of New York Supply them with eight hundred barrels of Flour or Bread, and four hundred barrels of Beef or Pork.

"That the Conventions or Committees of Safety of the above mention'd Colonies, ought to Superintend the exportation, provide against fraud, and take care that, in exchanging the said Commodities of Salt & Provisions, no undue advantage be taken by either party, of their mutual wants; and farther, that no Vessel employed

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in this business, ought to load without their permission, and that when they shall, in pursuance of these Resolutions, permit any of the said Vessels to load, they do give notice thereof to the Committee of inspection of the County, City, or town where such Vessel shall load, and inform them that the same is done under the Authority and by Order of this Congress.

"That these Resolutions ought to be kept as private as the execution of them will admit; that they should be transmitted to the Several Conventions, Assemblies, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies, and to the Island of Bermuda; and that the Inhabitants of the latter be informed that the Congress will afford them other Necessaries, (such as lumber, Soap, and Candles,) whenever the quality and quantity of each of those articles used in the Island, shall be ascertained.

"That Edward Stiles be permitted, under the direction of the Committee of Safety of the Colony of Pennsylvania, to Send the Sea Nymph, Samuel Stobel, Master, with 4000 Bushels of Indian Corn, 300 barrels of Flour, 100 barrels of Bread, 20 barrels of Pork, 8 barrels of Beef, 30 Boxes of Soap, and 15 Barrels of Apples, to Bermuda, for the immediate Supply of the Inhabitants, and that the said Cargo be consider'd as part of the annual allowance aforesaid, for the year ensuing

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHARLES THOMSON, Sect'y.

"*Resolved*, That this Board request the Committee of Inspection and observation to see the resolve of Congress (inserted this day) carried into execution, granting permission to Edward Stiles to Load with Provisions the Sea Nymph, Samuel Stobel, Master, for Bermuda."

27th November —At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert Whyte,
John Montgomery,	James Biddle,
Alexander Wilcocks,	Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,

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28th November —At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman,

Samuel Howell,	Owen Biddle,
Samuel Morris, jun'r,	Robert Whyte,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	James Biddle,
John Cadwalader,	George Clymer.

Upon application of Major An'y J. Morris for the use of the large House at the Barracks, for the Field Officers of the Pennsylvania Battalion now raising, the Board gave directions to Joseph Fox, Esq'r, Barrack Master, to deliver the Key of the said House to Major Morris.

Upon application of a Committee of Congress for 100 lbs. Gun Powder for Sealing of Canon; an order was drawn by direction of the Board, for Mr. Towers, Commissary, to deliver Capt. Reed 100 pounds of powder.

Upon application of Major Samuel Mifflin, for Captain Samuel Davidson to have leave of absence, to make a Voyage in his Ship in the Service of the Congress; it is

Resolved, That Captain Davidson have leave of absence to go a Voyage in the above mention'd employ.

The Congress this day sent to this Committee the following order, which is directed by this Board to be delivered to Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for the use of the Pennsylvania Battalion now raising.

CONGRESS, 27th November, 1775.

"Gent'n:

"Please to pay to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania three thousand Dollars, for the Pay of the Battalion raised by order of the Congress in this Colony, the said Committee to be accountable for the Expenditure of said Sum.

"I am, Gent'n, your most
"obed't h'ble Serv't,
"Sign'd JOHN HANCOCK, Presid't.

"To Michael Hillegas & George Clymer, Esq'rs, Continental Treasurers."

Upon application of the Commanders of the armed Boats for an Increase to their allowance of Provisions, The Board, after having considered their application, do

Resolve, That the allowance of Provisions to the Captains of the armed Boats be three Rations, and the allowance of Provisions to the Lieutenants of the Boats be two Rations, which allowances they are to receive from the day of the date of their respective Commissions.

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John Saunders, Pilot, confined in the Gaol of this County, by order and agreeable to a Resolve of this Board of the 11th Inst., now Petitions this Committee to be released from confinement; it is

Resolved, That as this Board think the time the said Jno. Saunders has been in confinement, is a sufficient punishment for his crime, as set forth in said Resolve of the 11th inst., and that he be now discharged from his present confinement, on his taking the following Oath:

"*Philad'a. ss:*

"John Saunders, Pilot in the Bay and River of Delaware, being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, doth declare and promise to the Committee of Safety of the Province of Pennsylvania, that whatever knowledge he may have obtain'd of the New Channel between the Chivaux de Frize, near Fort Island, he will not, on any account, devulge to any person or persons whatever, but will entirely keep secret.

Sign'd "JOHN SAUNDERS.

"Sworn Nov'r 28th, 1775, before

"JAMES BIDDLE."

29th November.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	John Cadwalader,
James Biddle,	Owen Biddle.
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	

Upon application of Capt. Thomas Dorsey, for the payment of 17 Firelocks, purchased by him for the use of his Company, in the Pennsylvania Bat'n now raising for the service of the United Colonies, By order of the Board an order was drawn in his favour on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, Paymasters, for fifty-seven pounds twelve shillings.

Upon application of Congress, through Robert Morris, Esq'r., for Eight half Barrels of Powder, sent from Bermuda by Henry Tucker, Chairman of the Deputies of the several Parishes of that Island, belonging to Capt. John Cowper of North Carolina, for the use of the Inhabitants of that Province,

Resolved, That Robert Morris, Esq'r., give orders to Robert Towers, Commiss'y, to deliver the said 8 half Barrels of Powder for the use aforesaid, and that the Delegates in Congress pay this Board the portionable part of Freight and other Expences bringing the said Powder to this City.

Resolved, That Francis Procter be appointed Lieutenant of the Artillery Company Commanded by Thomas Procter.

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The Commissioners & Assessors of Westmoreland County return'd the order sent them some time past, sign'd by Benj'a. Franklin, on Michael Hellegas, Esq'r., Treasurer to this Board, for one hundred pounds, dated 29th September last, and informs this Committee that they have purchased from Colo. St. Clair 100 Firelocks for the use of said County, at 40s. each; for the payment of them they have drawn an order on this Board for two hundred pounds; this Committee inform'd them by Letter that they will take the said Firelocks for the use of the Armed Boats, and requested they would get new ones made for their County, agreeable to the Resolve of Assembly.

Resolved, That the Committee of accounts do pay Colo. St. Clair two hundred pounds, and take his Note, condition'd to return said Money, in case the above mention'd Firelocks are not deliver'd to this Committee; an order was accordingly drawn in his favor on Thomas Wharton and others, the Committee of accounts, for said sum of Two hundred pounds.

30th November.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert Whyte,
James Mease,	Samuel Howell,
John Cadwalader,	George Clymer,
James Biddle,	Andrew Allen.

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having Received the following articles into Store:

4 half & 2 q'rs Casks Gun Powder, w't 250 lbs., from Oswald Eve.
109½ lbs. Salt Petre - - - - from Owen Biddle.

Upon application of Capt. John Shea,

Resolved, That this Committee advance to Mr. Wigfal the sum of one hundred pounds, to enable him to prosecute the Business of Gun Lock making, agreeable to his contract with Capt's. Shea, Wilcocks and Cadwalader:

That those Gentlemen take proper Security from the said Wigfal, and draw an order on this Committee for said Sum of One hundred pounds.

Upon Motion Made,

Resolved, That the following Resolve of Congress be enter'd on the Minutes of this Committee:

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"In Congress, Monday 27th November, 1775.

"On Motion Made,

"*Resolved*, That the Troops in the Service of the Continent be supplied with Fuel & Bedding at the expense of the Continent.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y."

The Committee of Safety are of opinion, that it is not improper for Mr. James Innes to purchase any second hand Arms which he may find in the hands of Individuals of this Province, and therefore have no objection to his buying them; But as they have employed, and are endeavouring to employ, all the Artificers that can be procured in making new arms for the public, they apprehend any application by Mr. Innes to such Artificers, will be attended with bad consequences to the general Cause by enhancing the Price of arms, and that as fast as arms come into the hands of this Board, they will readily Spare such proportion of them for the use of the Colony of Virginia as the necessities of this Province will admit.

A Letter was this day wrote to Colo. Thomas Mifflin, inclosing Lt. Symes' order on Major Small for £50, st'g, which Colo. Mifflin is desired to receive, and inform this Board when he is in Cash, and when this Board receives an account of said Bills being paid, they will pay the amount to Lieut. Symes.

Resolved, That Mr. Clement Biddle be notified that his Contract for supplying the Men belonging to the Armed Boats with provisions, will terminate on the 10th December next.

That the following advertisement be put in the Newspapers, requesting every person desirous of undertaking the Contract, to send in their proposals to this Committee by the 6th of December next:

"All persons who are willing to supply the officers and men employed in the Armed Boats with the following Rations, vizt:

"Seven pounds of Bread per week, or six pounds of Flour.

"Ten pounds of Beef, Mutton or Pork.

"The value of sixpence per week in Roots and Vegetables.

"Three and a half pints of Rum or Beer in proportion;

are desired to send in their proposals to this Committee on or before the Sixth day of December next, when the same will be considered. The Contract to commence on the Eleventh of December, and to continue for the space of Three Months, if the men are not sooner discharged."

Upon application of Capt. Harmar, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for three pounds, being for the payment of a Firelock purchased for the use of his Company in the Penn'a. Battalion, in the service of the United Colonies.

Upon application of Mr. Mease, The order of Congress for three thousand Dollars receiv'd by this Board, as per Minutes of the

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20th inst., was delivered him, and endorsed by John Nixon, Chairman.

Resolved, That Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, be directed to provide sufficient Beds, Bedding and Firewood for the Battalion now in the Barracks, according to the provision that has been usually made for other Troops in the same Barracks.

December 1st.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
James Mease,	Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,	James Biddle.

December 2nd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	James Mease,
Robert Whyte,	Jno. Cadwalader,
George Clymer,	Joseph Reed,
Owen Biddle,	Alex'r Wilcocks,
Anthony Wayne,	Francis Johnston.
Daniel Roberdeau,	

Resolved, That Capt. Dougherty be instructed not to permit more than two Captains, and a proportionable number of Subaltern Officers, to be absent at any one time from their Stations at Liberty Island, without the express order of this Board, or upon some very pressing and urgent occasion.

Resolved, That a Letter be wrote and sent to the Committee of the Town of Reading, respecting the Gun Powder order'd to be purchas'd from the said Committee, & directing it immediately to be sent down to this city.

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Decem'r 4th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	George Clymer,
Owen Biddle,	John Cadwalader,
Anthony Wayne,	Samuel Howel,
Daniel Roberdeau,	James Mease.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau request Colo. Bull, of the Pennsyl'a Battalion, to appoint Guards to take proper care of the Powder Magazine, and of the Canon and Artillery Stores at the State House.

Upon application of Capt. Williams, of the Pennsylvania Battalion, in the Service of the united Colonies, for the payment of fourteen Firelocks, purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y; By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour of £52 15 s 3 d, on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, Treasurers to the said Battalion.

The Honorable House of Assembly, on the 25th November last, having drawn up and approved of sundry articles of Association, Rules and Regulations, for the better Government of said association, and Resolutions directing the mode of levying Taxes on non-associators in this Province,

Resolved, That Mr. Peter Miller be directed to print in the German Language, 400 copies of the above mentioned Rules, Regulations & Articles of Associations, and Resolutions directing the mode of levying Taxes on non-associators.

That William & Thomas Bradford be directed to Print in the English Language 1000 of the same.

Upon application of Mr. John Pringle, By order of the Board, a Certificate was given him, that he had imported and sold to this Committee a quantity of Powder, amounting in Value to Eighty-five pounds, and that he had Liberty, by the Resolve of Congress, to Export to that amount in the produce of these Colonies.

December 5th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Owen Biddle.	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Robert Whyte,	James Mease,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Clymer.
James Biddle,	

Resolved, That this Committee engage with Samuel Wiggfall & Marmaduke Blackwood, of this City, Smiths, for two hundred Gun-

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locks, to be made according to pattern, and to be delivered to and approved of by Captains Shee, Wilcocks and Cadwalader, for the use of this Committee, at the rate of twenty-two shillings and sixpence each lock, the whole to be delivered within the space of three months.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be advanced to the said Wigfall and Blackwood, to enable them to proceed in the said Manufacture with greater vigour, and that an order be drawn for paying the said sum into the hands of Messrs. Nixon & Wharton, Who are to advance the same to the said Wigfall and Blackwood, and at the same time take a Contract from the said Wigfall and Blackwood, & Robert Craig, whom this Committee approve of, as their security for fulfilling the same.

Resolved, That Mr. James Biddle & Colo. Roberdeau, be a Committee to propose to the Committee of Inspection and Observation of this City, the taking up the Sea Coal, which that Committee had ordered to be thrown into the River from Mr. Stewart's Ship, That the same may be used at the Air Furnace, intended to be built for the Casting of Canon.

Upon application of Mr. Thomas Wharton, one of the Committee for Importing and procuring Powder, Arms, &ca., for the use of this Province,

Resolved, That they, the said Committee, direct Mr. John Wilcocks to Load the Schooner Polly, Thomas Woodhouse, M'r, with the produce of these Colonies, for the purpose of procuring said articles from foreign Parts, and that they be furnished with the following Certificate.

"In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 5th September, 1775.

"This is to certfie, that Mr. John Wilcocks has permission to Load the Schooner Polly, Thomas Woodhouse, M'r, with the produce of these Colonies, the same being for the account of this Province, which permission is granted agreeable to a Resolve of the Honorable Congress of 26th October last.

"By order of the Committee,

"Sign'd JOHN NIXON, Chairman."

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having deliver'd 500lbs of Gun Powder to Mr. Francis Lewis, which Robert Morris, Esq'r. had directions to give an order for, agreeable to a Resolve of the 7th November last.

That he had deliver'd 100 pounds of Powder to Capt. Read, for the use of Congress, agreeable to a Resolve of the 28th November.

That he had deliver'd 2½ lbs powder to Chris'r. Ludwick, and receiv'd from him in return for said Powder, 4 pounds salt Petre.

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Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle, Mr. Mease, Mr. Whyte and Colonel Roberdeau, be a Committee for procuring Sea Coal for account of this Board.

It being represented to the Committee that Mr. Fox, one of the Commissioners of this County, was desirous that this Board would appoint a proper person to receive and examine the arms now Making by order of the said Commissioners,

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, receive and examine all such arms, and give Receipts for the same to those who deliver them, specifying such as are made agreeable to pattern.

Resolved, That Robert Towers fix Racks in a proper place in the State House, for keeping the arms of this Province in good order.

That he provide a proper Shed for Ammunition Waggons.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman,

Owen Biddle.	Samuel Howell,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Francis Johnson,	James Mease,
Robert Whyte.	Joseph Read,
James Biddle,	John Wilcocks.
George Clymer,	

Upon application of Mr. Coleston for a quantity of Sail Cloth for the use of the Province of Virginia,

Resolved, that this Board spare what Sail Cloth Mr. Moulder may have belonging to this Committee, that he may have occasion for, and that Mr. Moulder deliver the same.

John Willis and Benj'a. Town, Gun Smiths, having agreed to make 200 Firelocks for this Province, at the rate of £4 5, each,

Resolved, that this Committee take the said arms at the said price, provided they are agreeable to pattern.

That this Board will advance them Fifty pounds towards the payment of the Firelocks, on their giving good security for the same.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Willis & Town a Pattern Musket.

Application being made to this Board by John Chilton, for a passport to the Camp of Cambridge,

Resolved, that he be referred to the Committee of Inspection & Observation, as following properly within their Jurisdiction.

Major Bayard, Mr. Sharp DeLaney, & Mr. Benj'a Marshall, a Sub-Committee from the Committee of Inspection & Observation for the City & Liberties,

Report, that their Committee, having discharged their duty to the Publick, in ordering the Sea Coal from Mr. Stewart's Ship to be

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thrown into the River Delaware, disclaim any right to said coal, or any further measure in the line of their duty. That as the Committee of Safety have occasion for them for the Public Service, Mr. Thomas Hopkins & other Members of their Committee offers their service in pointing out the several places in the River in which the Coal lay. That as to the property of said Coal, they apprehend no person has any claim; that the owner had offered them to the Committee Gratis, which had been refused.

Upon information to this Committee that Capt. Proctor & Lieut. Procter, had behaved in a manner unbecoming officers, to Capt. Williams and Lieutenant Watson, of Colo. Bull's Battalion, and this Committee have heard the parties and their evidences, and upon full consideration, unanimously agreed that the charge was fully proved, and recommended to the said Capt. Proctor and Lieut. Proctor, to make a suitable acknowledgment to the parties injured, which they have peremptorily refused to comply with; It is therefore

Resolved, that the said Capt. Proctor and Lieut. Proctor, be dismissed the service.

Resolved, That Nathan Boyce be appointed Captain of one of the arm'd Boats.

December 7th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JHON NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
James Mease,	Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,	James Biddle,
Robert Whyte,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.

Resolved, That an Enquiry be made throughout this City, of the quantity of Sea Coal now in the hands of the several Inhabitants.

Resolved, That Col'o. Roberdeau wait on the sub-Committee of the Committee of Inspection and Observation of this City and Liberties, and Request that some Members of that Body will take the trouble to procure an account of all the Sea Coal now in possession of the Inhabitants of this City above Market Street, including the North Side of that Street.

Resolved, That a Committee of this Board make the same enquiry from Market Street downwards.

A number of applications was this day Read for Supplying the officers & men employed on Board the armed Boats with Provisions and other Necessaries, as set forth in an advertisement from this Board the 30th November last.

And Mr. Francis Wade having offered to supply them at the Rate of 4s. 11 ₰ man per week, which being the lowest terms,

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Resolved, That the said Mr. Francis Wade be, and he is hereby appointed Victualer to the said Officers and Men employed on Board the armed Boats, & the Officers and Men of the Artillery Company in the service of this Province, at the rate of 4s. 11 per week per Man, and to Continue the supply for the Space of three Months, unless the men are sooner discharged; and provided he furnishes good and Wholesome Provisions.

By order of Congress, Robert Morris, Esq'r, made application to this Board that they would supply with Provisions the Women and Children belonging to the Ministerial Forces taken at St. Johns, and to give the necessary directions for their being conveyed to Reading, York & Lancaster, the places of their destination.

Resolved, That Mr. Mease & Colo. Roberdeau, be a Committee to see the above request of Congress carried into Execution.

That Mr. Clement Biddle be requested to supply them with Provisions while in Town.

December 8th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	Francis Johnson,
George Clymer,	Samuel Morris, jun,
Owen Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, jun.

Capt. Thomas Procter & Lieut. Francis Procter, this day attended the Board, and agreeable to a Resolve of the 6th ins't, were dismissed the Service of this Board.

By order of Congress, Robert Morris, Esq'r, made application to this Board to secure three Prisoners that are on Board Capt. Wipple, In consequence of which the following Commitment was Issued:

"Receive into your Custody the Bodys of William Stuart, William Kane and John Reynolds, & them safely keep 'til you have the further orders of this Board.

"To Thomas Dewees, Gaoler of the City & County of Philad'a.

"Sign'd JNO. NIXON, Chairman."

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Dec'r 9.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
George Clymer,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Robert Whyte,	James Biddle.
Owen Biddle,	

A Sub-Committee of the Committee of the City and Liberties, agreeable to a Resolve of this Board of the 7th inst., made an inquiry into the quantity of Sea Coal in this City from the North side of Market Street to the South side of Vine Street, and Report, that there is 2,687 bushels in the hands of a Number of Inhabitants.

Upon application to this Board, on behalf of Capt. Nicholas Biddle, that he may have Liberty to resign his Commission, in order to enter into Continental Service,

Resolved, That he have liberty to resign his Commission.

Messrs. John Pringle, & Thomas Yorke, having permission from this Board to load on Board their Brigantine a certain quantity of goods, the produce of these Colonies, which being insufficient to compleat her loading,

Resolved, That they, the said Pringle and York, have permission to load on Board said Brig't as much produce of these Colonies as will compleat her Loading for the account of this Province, being agreeable to a Resolve of Congress of 26th October last.

December 11th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	George Clymer,
James Mease,	Joseph Read,
James Biddle,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Owen Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.

Upon application of Capt. Harmer, for the payment of a Firelock purchased by him for the use of his Company in the Continental Service,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn in favour of Richard Ennis, on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, Paymaster to the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion, for £2, 11, the amount of said Firelock.

Upon Motion of Mr. Thomas Wharton, one of the Committee for importing and procuring Powder, Arms, &ca., for the use of this Province,

Resolved, That they, the said Committee, direct Messrs. Willing, & Morris & Co., to load the Ship Neptune, Robert Collins, M'r, with

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the produce of these Colonies, for the purpose of procuring said articles from Foreign parts; And that the following Certificate be Issued, viz't:

"This is to certifie, that Messrs. Willing & Morris & Co., have permission to load the Ship Neptune, Robert Collins, M'r, with the produce of these Colonies, the same being for account of this Province, and the export agreeable to a resolve of Congress of 26th Oct'r last.

Resolved, That Capt. Nathaniel Boyce take the Command of the Armed Boat Franklin, Capt. Biddle, the late Commander being promoted in the Continental Service.

Upon application to this Board, in behalf of Capt. James Josiah, that he may have leave to resign his commission to enter the Continental Service, liberty was granted him.

Robert Towers Reports his having receiv'd into Store,

1½ barrels Powder, w't 151 lbs, from Oswald Eve, being part of the damag'd powder sent him to repair.

55½ lbs Salt Peter, from Peter De Haven.

December 12th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

John Nixon,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	James Mease,
James Biddle,	George Clymer.

December 13th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	George Clymer,
Samuel Howell,	James Mease,
Anthony Wayne,	Owen Biddle.
Daniel Roberdeau,	

Resolved, That the Barrack Master furnish the Artillery Company in with the usual quantity of Wood & Candles, as supplied to the King's Troops.

Upon application of Capt. William Jenkins, By order of the Board, an Order was drawn in his favour on Mease & Caldwell, for $48, 19, 6, being for payment of 16 Firelocks purchas'd by him for the use of his Company, in the Penn'a Battalion.

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, examine the Powder on Board the Armed Boats in Town, & Report the State of it to this Board to-Morrow.

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Resolved, That three of our Armed Boats, with their Officers and Crews, be constantly at Liberty Island, and that there be a relief of that Number of Boats every three days; and that this duty begin with the Eldest in command, & the rotation be continued according to Seniority, & by equal duty through the Fleet.

Resolved, That Joseph Fox, Barrack Master, do provide for the use of the Men employed in the Service of this Province, who are to be immediately order'd into the Barracks, Two hundred Blankets or Rugs, 100 Bed Cases, a Sufficient quantity of Straw, 100 Cords of Wood, and what other necessarys that may be wanting for the accommodation of four hundred Men.

That Mr. Fox draw Orders on this Board for the amount of what he may purchase for the use aforesaid.

Resolved, That Capt. Dougherty be ordered up immediately from Liberty Island with his Boat, and that Capt. Hamilton & Capt. Alexander, inform him of this Resolve.

Resolved, That Mr. Clement Biddle be requested to see that the Barracks are in proper order for the reception of the People on Board the Armed Boats, and that the Necessaries requisite for their accommodation are procured, & make report of his proceedings to this Board.

December 14th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT;

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	James Mease,
Samuel Howell,	George Clymer,
Owen Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,

Resolved, That John Ross, Muster Master, be directed to make a return to this Board of the Number of Men & quantity of Bedding on Board the armed Boats.

David Owen, a Person Suspected of enlisting Negroes, was brought before this Committee, and not giving proper & Satisfactory answers to the questions put to him,

Resolved, That he be Committed to the Work House of this City 'till further orders.

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December 15th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau,
James Mease,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.
George Clymer,	

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having receiv'd the following Articles in Store:

6 doz. & 9 Steel Ram Rods, from Robert Marn.

28 lbs. Buck Shot,
35 lbs. Musket Ball, } from Robert Taggart.
2000 Flints,

20 bbls. Powder, Suppos'd 2000, } 2050 lbs. rec'd ℔ Capt't Ord
2 Kegs Do. 50, } on account of this Board.

That he has deliver'd Capt. Loxley, by order of Mr. O. Biddle, 7 lbs. Salt Petre.

Mr. Samuel Howell informing this Board that he has a considerable quantity of Sea Coal in the Island of Jamaica,

Resolved, That he be requested to write to Jamaica, and give orders for a Load of Coal to be Sent from thence to this place, on account of this Committee, if it can be delivered here at 3s. currency per Bushel, or under.

Upon application of Daniel Offley & William Clifton, that this Board would advance a Sum of Money towards Searching for a Coal Mine said to be in Bucks County,

Resolved, That this Board pay one half the Sum expended for that purpose, provided the whole expence doth not exceed one hundred pounds; And in case the said Mine is worked, that this Board have the refusal of any quantity they may want for the use of the Publick.

Garret Hulscamp having made application for liberty to have his Boat go down the Bay to take him out of Capt. Johnson's Ship, of which he is Pilot,

Resolved, That the liberty he prays for be granted, provi'd he goes no farther than the Brown, & that he avoid going or being taken on Board any British Ship, or other Vessel of War.

Upon application of Mr. Mease, an order was directed to Capt. Dougherty to discharge from Capt. Henderson's Boat, Daniel McMichael, as he is to be employ'd in another Service.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau, Mr. Biddle, & Mr. Mease, be a Committee to draw up Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Officers and Men belonging to the Armed Boats, while they are quarter'd in the Barracks.

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December 16th, 1775.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Alexander Wilcocks,
James Mease,	James Biddle,
George Clymer,	Owen Biddle,
Samuel Howell,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was desired to deliver Serjeant Webster the Watch Coats made for the Artillery Company.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in favour of Capt. Wm. Jenkins, for £10 10 6, being the amount of three Firelocks, purchased by him for the use of his Company in the Continental Batalion.

This Board being informed that part of the New Gaol is now in order for the Reception of Prisoners, and the Gaoler and Work House Keeper of this City, having inform'd that the badness of the Gaol and Work House is dangerous & inconvenient to the Prisoners; Therefore,

Resolved, That the Prisoners confined by this Board, agreeable to the directions of Congress, be removed to the New Gaol, and that the following order be delivered:

"In Committee of Safety.

"PHILAD'A, 16th Dec'r, 1775.

"You are hereby required to conduct the Soldiers & the three Sailors from Rhoad Island, now Prisoners in your Gaol, to the New Gaol in this City, and there deliver them into the Custody of Mr. Thomas Apty.

"Sign'd by order.

"JNO. NIXON, Chair'n.

"To THOMAS DEWEES, Keeper of the Gaol of Philad'a County.

"You are hereby required to deliver into the Custody of Thomas Apty, all the Soldiers now in the Work House, confined by order of this Board.

"Sign'd by order.

"JNO. NIXON, Chair'n.

"To JAMES WHITEHEAD, Keeper of the Work House of Philad'a."

Resolved, That Thomas Apty be appointed to take care of the Prisoners in the New Gaol, until the proper Gaoler moves into it.

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That the said Apty Supply the Prisoners with Provisions, at the Rate of one Dollar per week, as allowed by Congress.

December 18th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Robert Whyte,	Anthony Wayne.
Samuel Howell,	

Resolved, That the absent Members in the City be notified to attend the Board to-morrow Morning punctually at 9 o'Clock, to which time the Consideration of allowing the Makers of Salt Petre part payment in Gunpowder is defered, as a Matter of great importance.

Robert Towers Reports his having receiv'd the following quantity of Sail Cloth:

25 pieces containing 987¾ yds., from William Will.
6 do. 220 do., part of that bought by Jo. Moulder at Brigantine Beach, & of James Loughead.

Agreeable to a Resolve of the 14th inst., Mr. John Ross, Muster Master, Reports, that there is on Board the thirteen armed Boats:

Men in pay,	477—54 of whom are sick.
bedding compleat,	69
beds,	74
blankets,	132
Rugs,	2

Upon application of the Pilots employed by this Board in Piloting Vessels between this Port and Chester, that their pay might be encreased, as they find from the Expences they are oblig'd to be at, that the allowance of Six pounds per month is not sufficient for their maintenance; And the Board taking the same into consideration, do

Resolve, That the ten Pilots employed as aforesaid, be allowed the Sum of seven pounds ⅌ month for their services, which pay shall commence the 21st inst.

By order of the Board, the order drawn agreeable to a Resolve of the 26th Sept'r, and dated the 29th, in favour of the Commissioners & Assessors of Berks County for four hundred pounds, was this day delivered to Mr. Michael Bright of that County.

Upon motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Towers, Commissary, furnish this Board to-morrow with an account of the quantity and sizes of shot now in store.

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December 19th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Presid't.

John Nixon,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
Samuel Howell,	George Clymer,
Samuel Miles,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, jr,
Joseph Read,	Owen Biddle.
Anthony Wayne,	

Agreeable to the order of Yesterday, Mr. Towers, Commissary, Reports the following quantities and sizes of shot now in store, Viz't:

32	Pounders,	99 Shot.	Grape shot in 150 12 pound tin Canister,	lbs. 3775
24	do.	255	do. in 400 6 pound do.	
18	do.	2834	Musket Ball in 50 4 pound do.	
12	do.	90	Grape shot loose,	4690
9	do.	20	Musket Ball 35 lbs. 22 to the pound.	
6	do.	255	317 do. 17 to the do.	
4	do.	248	150 do. 15 to the do.	
3	do.	27	30 do. 17 to the do. in 504 fill'd Cartridges.	
6	do.	6 Cross Barr	30 do. 17 to the do. in 504 unfill'd do.	
6	do.	1 Sliding do.	28 Buck Shot.	
6	do.	3 Starr	34 Pistol Balls.	
4	do.	14 doublehead.		

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports, his having Receiv'd by Capt. Bethel, on account of this Board, 15 bbls. Gun powder, supposed to weigh 1500 lbs.

Resolved, That any Person who shall manufacture any quantity of good Salt Petre, and deliver the same to this Board, or to any Person appointed by them, after the first day of January next, and from that time until the first day of April next, shall receive one fourth part of the weight in Gun powder, and the other three fourths in money, at the Rate of five Shillings ℔ pound.

Resolved, That upon any application that may be made to this Board by the Honorable Congress, or any other Body, to spare them any Part of the Men, Arms or Ammunition belonging to this Province, that this Committee will not consider of, and come to any resolution upon such Application, without sending a written notice to every Member of this Committee residing in the City, mentioning that such particular Business is to come under their deliberation.

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Resolved, That William Green, a person belonging to one of the armed Boats, confin'd by order of this Board in the Gaol of this County, be released from his confinement, provided he enter on Board one of the Vessels of War now fitting out by Congress.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau, Capt. Whyte & Mr. Morris, be a Committee to provide the following quantity and sizes of shot:

32 Pounders,	150	Round.
24 ditto,	600	do
18 ditto,	5550	do
12 ditto,	3000	do
9 ditto,	3000	do
Grape Shot,	2	Ton.
Swivel do,	2	do

Resolved, That Mr. Read, Mr. Miles, Mr. Whyte & Mr. Clymer, be a Committee to go to Fort Island to consider and Report to this Board what further Defences may be thrown up on that, or the Province Island, for the security of the Fort, and passage through the Chevaux de Frize.

Congress this day sent the following Resolve to this Committee, which is order'd to be entered on the minutes:

"In Congress, 15th December, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety of the Colony of Pennsylvania, be requested to recommend proper persons for Field Officers of the four Battalions to be raised in the said Colony.

"*Resolved*, That the said Committee appoint proper Persons for Officers in the said Battalions, under the rank of Major.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON, Sect'y."

Agreed that the 2nd day of January be fixed for the purpose of Making the above recommendations and appointments, and that the several Members of this Committee be desired to attend at that time, at the Committee Chamber in Philad'a.

Resolved, That the above Resolves of Congress, and Resolutions of this Board, be published in the different News Papers of this City.

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December 20th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety

PRESENT:

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Presid't.

Robert Morris,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Samuel Miles,	Anthony Wayne,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Nixon,
Joseph Read,	Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,	James Mease,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Robert Whyte,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,	Owen Biddle.

Ordered, That Robert Towers, Commissary, examine some Muskets that Capt. Order'd has for Sale, and if found good, that he purchase them.

Governor Hopkins this day deliver'd the following Resolve of Congress to the Board.

"In Congress, 19th December, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania, be requested to supply the Armed Vessels nearly ready for sailing, with four Tons of Gun Powder, at the Continental Expence.

"That the said Committee be requested to procure and lend s'd Vessels as many stand of Small arms as they can spare, not exceeding 400, to be repaid by the Congress, either in kind or value, as the Committee may desire.

"*Resolved*, That if the powder and arms that may be supplied and lent to the Continent, for the use of the said Armed Vessels, shall not be replaced on or before the first day of February next, the Congress engages that their whole influence and authority shall then be exerted immediately to replace the same, by procuring powder and arms from some other part of the Continent.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHA. THOMSON, Sect'y."

The Board have taken the above Resolves into Consideration, and after some time spent thereon, Do

Resolve, That they spare to Congress all the Powder now in store, except the Battle powder, & that which is made into Cartridges.

That this Board will immediate Collect all the Arms belonging to this Province, and will spare to the Committee of Naval Affairs all that they can, consistent with the safety of this Province.

That this Committee do agree that the Naval Committee may enlist from on Board the Armed Boats, any Number of Seamen not exceeding one hundred.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver a Gent'n who produced a small quantity of Salt Petre of

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his Manufacturing, one-fourth the Quantity in Powder, & the other three-fourths in cash, at the rate of 5s. per pound.

Resolved, That Capt. Dougherty order all the armed Boats up to this city; that the officers and men may go into Barracks, except the three Eldest Captains and crews, who are to continue at the Island 'til reliev'd by 3 other Boats, agreeable to a Resolve of ye 13th.

December 21st, 1775.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

James Mease,	George Clymer,
Owen Biddle,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Joseph Read.
Samuel Howell,	

Upon application of Capt. Willet for the payment of 16 Firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y in the 1st Penn'a Battalion, An order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell in his favour, for £47, 17 6, and on application of Capt. Harmer, one other order was drawn, as aforesaid, for £13, being the amount of 4 Firelocks purchased for his compa'y.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., Treasurer, in favour of John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r., for fifteen hundred Pounds.

Sacherwall Wood's account for furnishing Provisions to the Prisoners confined in Gaol by order of Congress, was examined, and £34 9 recommended to be p'd by Congress.

December 22nd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Samuel Howell,
Anthony Wayne,	Owen Biddle.

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December 23rd.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT.

SAMUEL MILES, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdean,	James Mease,
Samuel Howell,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
George Clymer,	Joseph Read.
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	

Upon application of Capt. Williams for the Payment of 23 Muskets, purchased by him for the use of his company, in Colo. Bull's, or 1st Penn'a Battalion, in the service of the Colonies, By order of the Board, an order was drawn for that purpose on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for £76 12 6 in his favour.

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having receiv'd the following Provincial arms:

From the Officers of 1st Battalion,		52 Muskets,
		48 Bayonets,
		46 Scabbards.
From the officers of 2nd	do.	49 Muskets,
		43 Bayonets,
		40 Scabbards.
From Capt. Willing of 3rd	do.	2 Muskets & 1 Bayonet.

Upon application of the Navy Committee of Congress, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver 36lbs. Salt Petre & 100 Muskets and Bayonets, to them or their order.

Resolved, That Mr. Towers take the Powder belonging to the Armed Boats as they come up to town and put it into Store, and deliver it to those whose Tour of Duty it is to go to their Stations at Fort Island.

Upon application from the Committee of Naval Affairs by Colo. Gaddesden, that General Hopkins of the Alfred, or any other Commander of the Continental Ships of War, be permitted to search any outward bound Vessels for Seamen or others belonging to any of the above Vessels.

Resolved, That such permission be chearfully granted, but this Committee recommend a Discreet Exercise of this Power, so as to occasion as little delay as possible to the outward bound Vessels, and that an officer, whose prudence may be depended on, may be sent on this Service.

By order of the Board, Mr. Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Shawnia John, an Indian, disabled at Coble Hill, One pound of Gunpowder.

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December 26th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	George Clymer,
James Mease,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Samuel Howell, jun'r,	James Biddle.
Robert Whyte,	

By order of the Board, an order was drawn and Signed by the Chairman on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., Treasurer to this Board, in favour of Thomas Wharton, jun'r, John Nixon & James Mease, the Committee of Accounts, for the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds.

Upon application of Capt. Dorsey of Colo. Bull's Batallion, for the payment of 21 Firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Company,

By order of the Board, an Order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for £70 15, the amount of the same.

Upon application of Capt. Jones of Colo. Bull's Battalion, for the Payment of 7 Firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Company, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease and Caldwell for £29 15, the amount of the same.

December 27th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Robert Whyte,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	James Biddle,

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having receiv'd and delivered the following Articles:

Deliver'd Capt. Sam'l Nicholas by order of the Navy Committee:

100 Provincial Muskets,
100 Bayonets & Scabbards,
12 Iron Ram Rods.

Receiv'd from Capt. Knox:

13 Provincial Muskets,
8 Bayonets & 8 Scabbards,

" from Capt. Gurney:

11 Provincial Muskets,
9 Bayonets, 25 Scabbards,

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Receiv'd from John Scotton:

2. 1. 18 of Shot.

Upon application of Capt. Le Mar, for the Payment of 13 Firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y in Colo. Bull's Battalion, an order was drawn on Messrs Mease & Caldwell for £51 14 3, the amount of the same.

Upon application of the Naval Committee for some Lead for the use of the Congress, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Two Rolls of Lead to Capt. Nathaniel Falconer, & Report the weight to this Board.

Ordered, That Lieutenant Symmonds forthwith take upon him the Command of the Artillery Company, and repair with them with all possible dispatch to Liberty Island, and there remain for the Protection of the Battery, Artillery and Stores, until further Orders of this Board.

Ordered, That the Agent Victualler furnish two Week's Provisions for the Company, to be taken down with them, and keep them supplied while there.

Ordered, That the Commissary provide a Cart or Waggon for conveying the Baggage of the said Company to the said Island, and furnish each Man with 12 Rounds of Cartridges, likewise 36 Cartridges for the Canon.

Resolved, That Lieutenant Hugh Montgomery take the Command of the Warren, in the absence of Lieutenant Symmonds.

December 28th.—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	George Clymer,
James Mease,	Joseph Read,
Samuel Morris, jun'r,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	James Biddle.

Resolved, That Capt. John Hazlewood be appointed to the command of Ten Fire Rafts, and Superintendant at Present over the whole Fleet of Rafts.

Mr. Whitehead, Work-House keeper, produced his account, amounting to £23 19 11, for the maintenance of the Prisoners confined by this Board by direction of Congress, which was examined and recommended to be paid.

Resolved, That for the further Defence of this Province, a Floating Battery be Built.

That Samuel Howell, Robert Whyte & George Clymer, be a Committee to have the said Battery compleated as soon as Possible, and that they purchase the Guns and other necessaries for her.

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Resolved, That the Serjeant of the Artillery Company be allowed Sixty Shillings per month.

That the Corporal of said Company be allow'd fifty-five Shill'gs per month :

Upon application of Congress, Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Capt Loxley 12 pounds of Salt Petre, and 6 lbs Gun powder.

Capt. Thomas Procter having applied to this Board to be reinstated in his Command, and Submitting to make the acknowledgments to Capt. Williams and Lieut. Watson, as formerly recommended by this Board, and Lt. Watson having declar'd that he did not expect or require such acknowledments to be made him, it is

Resolved, That upon Capt. Procter's giving Capt. Williams the satisfaction as directed by this Board, he be immediately restored to his Command.

December 29th—At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT :

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	James Biddle,
Joseph Read,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
John Cadwalader,	James Mease.
Robert Whyte,	

Resolved, That Capt. Wilcocks, Capt. Shee & Capt. Cadwalader, be requested to purchase as many Files as may be thought necessary, for the use of the Gun Smiths employed in the service of this Province.

The following Order was handed to this Committee by Mr. Mease, which was endorsed by the Chairman and deliver'd to Messrs. Mease & Caldwell.

" Congress Chamber, 28th December, 1775.

" Gentlemen :

" Please to pay to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, Eight Thousand Dollars for the use of the Battalion of Continental Troops in this City, the said Committee to be accountable for the Expenditure of the said Sum.

" I am Gent'n, your most obed't
" h'ble Serv't,
" Sign'd JOHN HANCOCK, Presid't.

" To Michael Hillegas & George Clymer, Esquires, Treasurers."

Colo. Cadwalader & Mr. Howell from the Committee appointed to confer with Morgan Bustead on the Establishment of a Foundary for Casting Canon,

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Report, That Bustead desires further time to consider of the matter ; Therefore

Resolved, That he be desired to attend this Board to-morrow at 11 o'Clock, in order his definitive answer whether he will or will not engage in that service.

December 30th.—At a meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	John Cadwalader,
George Clymer,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Robert Whyte,	James Biddle,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Reed.
James Mease,	

Morgan Bustead attended agreeable to a Resolve of Yesterday, and Promises to deliver in his Proposals for Casting Canon, to the Board on Monday next.

Resolved, That Colo. Reed, Mr. Mease and Mr. Owen Biddle, wait on the Naval Committee of Congress, and obtain of them an Order for all the Russia Sheeting which is not already appropriated to their particular use.

Resolved, That Mr. James Biddle wait on the Committee of Inspection and Observation, and request they would furnish this Board with a particular account of the Goods in their possession, the property of Joshua Fisher & Sons.

By order of the Board, Mr. Whitehead was directed to Discharge David Owen from his Confinement.

The Congress sent the following Resolves, which are directed to be enter'd on the Minutes of this Board:

"In Congress, December 21st, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That 40 Iron Potts be provided for the Soldiers while in the Barracks near Philadelphia.

"That the Commission'd officers of each Company be allowed every week, a quarter of a Cord of Hickory Wood, or other wood in proportion.

"That there be provided for the Battalion raised in Pennsylvania, one hundred Haversacks, a Camp Kettle for every six Men, a Tomhawk, a Canteen, Cartouch Box, Knapsack, and two Belts, for each Man.

"That a Coat of Uniform be provided for each Soldier, and that what the Coat Cost more than the Hunting Shirt (value 1½ Dollar) that was to be given them, be deducted from their Wages.

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"That the said Battalion be paid one Month's pay as soon as may be; that afterwards they receive monthly half a Month's pay only, until so much is retain'd as will amount to the Money advanced for their Fire Arms, Cloathing, &ca., after which they shall receive their full pay Monthly.

"That it be recommended to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, to provide arms for the Three Companies that are ordered to March, and also to provide the articles ordered above, for the use of the said Battalion, with Drums, Colours & Fifes."

"December 26th, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That the Battalion raised in Pennsylvania be supplied with Gun brushes, Prickers, Double Worms, Screw drivers & Oil, and that it be recommended to the Committee of Safety for the said Colony to provide the same."

"December 28th, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the Treasurers, in favour of the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, for the use of the Battalion raised in said Colony, the said Committee to be accountable.

"October 12th—The Men enlisted to be furnish'd with a hunting Shirt, not exceeding 1¼ dollar, & a Blanket, provided these can be procured, but not to be made part of the terms of enlistment.

"October 9th.—That each of the Privates be allowed instead of a Bounty, a Felt Hatt, a pair of yarn Stockings and a pair of Shoes, the Men to find their own arms.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y.

"December 30th, 1775."

Resolved, That Messrs. Mease & Caldwell see the Resolves of Congress respecting the Battalion therein mention'd, carried into Execution.

Colo. Reed deliver'd the Board the following Resolves of the Committee of the City and Liberties, which was this day sent to the Committee of Northampton County, when they were desired to send down as soon as possible the 14 quarter Casks Gunpowder mention'd in said Resolve.

"In Committee, December 19th, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That Major Bayard, Mr. Dean, Mr. Schlosser, and Captain Cowperthwaite, or any two of them, be a Committee to settle the powder accounts of the old Committee, and receive of the Committee of Safety the purchase Money of 14 Casks of Powder, to be brought from Reading.

"Extract from the minutes of the Committee for the City & Liberties of Philad'a.

"Sign'd ROB'T STUTTLE JONES, Sec'y.

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Robert Towers, Commissary, makes the following Report:
That he has receiv'd from Capt. George Ord, 6 muskets, valued at £21 10.
from John Pringle, 28 Pieces of Hollands Duck,
67 Pieces of Russia do.

That he has deliver'd to Congress, agreeable to the Orders of this Board:

t. qr. lbs.
13 3 27 of Lead, rec'd by Capt. Falconer.
12 lbs. Salt Petre,
6 lbs. Powder, rec'd by Capt. Loxley.

That he has delivered 1 lb. Powder to the Pennsylvania Hospital.
" " deliver'd 30 lbs. Salt Petre to Mr. Lush, to make into Powder.

By order of the Board, Letters were this day wrote to the Committees of Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Berks, & Northampton Counties, requesting they would collect the arms belonging to the Province, that may be in the hands of the People of their respective Counties, and Send them to this Board as fast as Collected.

WM. GOVETT, Sect'y.

January 1st, 1776.—In Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ALEXANDER WILCOCKS, Chairman.

Jno. Nixon,	Anthony Wayne,
Owen Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	James Biddle,
Thomas Wharton,	James Mease.
Jno. Cadwalader,	

Upon the Application of the Naval Committee of Congress, this Board grant them Permission to engage any three of the Pilots in the Pay of this Province, to conduct the Vessels belonging to the Congress down to Reedy Island, and immediately afterwards to return to their proper Stations.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, is directed to deliver fifty Stand of arms to Capt. Sam'l Nicholls, for the use of the Congress.

Upon application of this Board to the Navy Committee of Congress for some Russia Sheeting, for the use of Colo. Bull's Battalion, this Board was furnished with an order for Forty Pieces, which was ordered to be delivered to Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, or order.

Upon Application of the Naval Committee of Congress, that this Board would permit a number of men from the armed Boats to

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navigate the vessels belonging to the Congress down to Reedy Island, this Board gave the following order to Capt. Dougherty:

"Sir:

"You are hereby required to order such a number of men to go from on Board the armed Boats under your command, as may be necessary to navigate the vessels belonging to the Congress down to Reedy Island; * * appoint some discreet Officer or Officers to take he * * * and to bring them back by such * * * be provided for them by the Naval Comm.

"To Capt. HENRY DOUGHERTY."

Upon application of Capt. Allen Moore, that this Board could indulge him with the liberty of resigning his command as Commander of one of the Armed Boats, and having given reasons why his request should be granted,

Resolved, That he, the said Capt. Allen Moore, have permission to resign his Command of the Armed Boat Effingham.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 2nd Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

Benj'a. Franklin,	Sam'l Miles,
Robert Morris,	Sam'l Morris,
Geo. Gray,	R't Whyte,
James Mease,	Alex'n Wilcocks,
George Clymer,	Francis Johnson,
Jno. Cadwalader,	Henry Wynkoop,
Joseph Reed,	An'y Wayne,
Jno. Nixon,	Tho's Wharton,
Owen Biddle,	Dani'l Roberdeau,
Andrew Allen,	Sam'l Howell,
Nicholas Fairlamb,	Edward Biddle.
James Biddle,	

Resolved, That this Board will recommend to the Congress two persons for each field Officer, if the number of appliers will admit, and that the choice be made by Ballot.

Pursuant to a Resolution of Congress and this Board, this Committee proceeded to the choice of a number of Gent'n to be recommended to the Congress as proper persons to be appointed Colonels for the four Batallions now to be raised; When the following Gentlemen were agreed upon, and are now recommended to the Hon'ble Congress suitable to fill the Offices of Colonels, vizt:

Anthony Wayne,	23 votes,	4th bat.	———,	Magau, 20. 5th bat.
John Shee,	23	3d bat.	John Atlee,	17.
Arthur St. Clair,	23	2 bat.	Robert Cadwalader,	15.
Daniel Broadhead,	14		Francis Johnson,	10.

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In Committee of Safety, 3d January, 1776.

PRESENT:

Benj. Franklin,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Robert Morris,	Owen Biddle,
John Nixon,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
James Mease,	Francis Johnston,
Robert Whyte,	Jno. Montgomery,
Alex'r Wilcox,	Sam'l Miles,
Sam'l Howell,	Henry Wynkoop,
Anthony Wayne,	Joseph Reed,
Nich's Fairlamb,	James Biddle,
Jno. Cadwalader,	George Clymer,
George Gray,	John Dickinson,
Tho's Wharton, Jun'r,	Edward Biddle.

Upon application of the Naval Committee of Congress, an order was directed to Robert Towers, Commissary, to deliver to their order Eight hundred Swivel Shot.

Upon application of the Com'rs & asses'rs of Bucks Co., for some Gunpowder to prove the Gun Barrels for the use of that County, an order was directed to Mr. Towers to deliver 4 lbs. powder to the order of Mr. Vandegrift.

Mr. Rob't Towers, Commiss'y, was directed to apply to Mr. Dunwick, Blacksmith, for 46 Firelocks made by him for Chester County, and 40 firelocks made by him for this County, and to deliver the same to Capt. Sam'l Nicholas, for the use of the Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. Reed, Mr. Cadwalader, & Mr. Wilcocks, be joined with Mr. Howell, Mr. Clymer, & Mr. Owen Biddle, as a Committee for appointing proper persons to instruct the inhabitants of the different Counties in the manufactory of Salt Petre, and to do what other matters they may think proper for the more speedy obtaing the making that necessary article; And to fix upon the number of hand bills to be printed & distributed in the English & German Languages, setting forth the process for extracting and refining Salt Petre, as published in Dunlap's Paper of the 1st inst.

Robert Morris, Esq'r, by direction of Congress, acquaints this Board, that they received the Recommendation of the Eight Gent'n, sent up yesterday as suitable persons to fill the offices of Colonels, and that they agreed to appoint Arthur St. Clair, Esq'r, Colonel of the 2nd Batallion, John Shee, Colonel to the 3d Bat'n, Anthony Wayne, Esq'r, Col'o. to * * * * ,——— Magau, Col. to the 5th Batallion of the 4 Batallions of Pennsylvania troops, to be raised for the Continental Service.

Pursuant to a Resolution of Congress & this Board, this Committee proceeded to the choice of a number of Gent'n, to be recommended to the Honorable Congress as persons to be appointed Field officers, for the four batallions, now to be raised, when the

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following Gentlemen were agreed upon, and were recommended to the Honorable Congress as suitable to fill the offices of Lieutenant Colonel, vizt:

Lambert Cadwalader,	21 votes.
William Allen,	20 "
Francis Johnston,	20 "
Joseph Penrose,	20 "
Thomas Hartley,	17 "
William Irwin,	15 "
Joseph Wood,	12 "
Daniel Broadhead,	11 "

At a Special meeting of the Members of this Board, 3d January, 1776, in the evening.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Robert Morris,	Andrew Allen,
Samuel Howell,	James Biddle,
Anthony Wayne,	Samuel Miles,
Thomas Wharton,	Robert Whyte,
Owen Biddle,	Henry Wynkoop,
John Montgomery,	Samuel Morris, j'r,
Daniel Roberdeau,	James Mease.
Joseph Reed,	

Robert Morris, Esq'r, by direction of Congress, delivered the following Resolves to this Board, vizt:

"In Congress, 3d Jan'y, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania, to see the Resolution of Congress for confining Conolly and his accomplices, in safe and close Prison, in Philadelphia, till the further orders of Congress be carried into execution.

"Extract from the minutes,

"CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'ry.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the said Committee to take the examination of said Conolly and his associates.

"CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'ry."

John Conolly & Allen Cameron, and their Servants, having been brought to this City as persons inimical to the liberties of America, were ordered to be confined in close prison; agreeable thereto the following commitment was issued:

"3 Jan'y, 1776.

"You are required to receive into your custody John Conolly and Allen Cameron, & their servants, charged with treasonable Prac-

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tices against America, and keep them safely, without Pen, Ink or paper, and from all intercourse with other persons, until discharged by this Board or the orders of the Continental Congress, In which this shall be your sufficient warrant. Given under my hand, & by order of the Committee of Safety of the Province of Pennsylvania.

"Signed JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

"To the Keeper of the Gaol of the City of Philadelphia."

In Committee of Safety—4th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

Benj. Franklin,	Geo. Clymer,
Robert Morris,	Henry Wynkoop,
James Mease,	George Gray,
Jno. Montgomery,	Sam'l Morris. jun'r,
Nich's Fairlamb,	Jno. Cadwalader.
James Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Rob't Whyte,	Samuel Howell,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Thomas Wharton,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l Miles,
Henry Wayne,	Edw'd Biddle.
Joseph Reed,	

Resolved, That Capt. Henry Dougherty order a proper guard from the Boat's Crews, to be fixed at the State House, over the Artillery & Military Stores, and at the Powder House.

Upon application of Capt. Josiah Harmer, for the payment of five firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y in Colo. Butler's Battalion, an order was drawn & signed by the Chairman for sixteen pounds ten shillings, on Messrs Mease & Caldwell.

On motion,

Resolved, that Colo. Cadwalader, Mr. Wilson & Mr. Reed, wait upon Mr. Andrew Ellicot, Esq. & Lord Drummond, and take their parole of Honour that they will not give any intelligence of, or correspond with any persons whatever, on public affairs, during their stay in this City. And when they shall leave this place, they will give no information of any facts which may have come to their knowledge while here of public nature, and be prejudical to the interests of the United Colonies.

Rober Morris, Esq'r, by direction of Congress, acquaints this Board that they received the recommendation from this Board, of the Eight Gentlemen sent up yesterday as suitable persons to fill the offices of Colonels, and that they were pleased to appoint Lambert Cadwalader 2nd Lieut't Colonel; William Allen 3rd Lieut't Colonel; Francis Johnston 4th Lieu't Colonel; & Joseph Penrose, fifth Lieut. Colonel; of the four Battalions of Pennsylvania Troops to be raised for the Continental service.

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Pursuant to a Resolution of Congress and this Board, this Committee proceeded to the choice of a number of Gent'n. to be recommended to Congress as proper persons to be appointed Field Officers for the four Battalions now to be raised, when the following Gent'n were agreed upon, and now recommended to the Honorable Congress as suitable to fill the officers of Majors, viz't:

Joseph Wood,	16 votes,
Geo Nagel,	20
Henry Bickar,	16
Caleb,	
Nich's,	
Jon. McPhe,	
John Bea,	
James Rea, *	

In Committee of Safety,

5th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

John Nixon,	Sam'l Miles,
Sam'l Morris, junr.	Jas. Mease,
Tho's Wharton, jun'r.,	Henry Wynkoop,
George Clymer,	James Biddle,
Francis Johnston,	Owen Biddle,
Robert Whyte,	Jno. Cadwalader,
Geo. Gray,	Sam'l Howell,
Joseph Reed,	Alex'r Wilcocks,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	An'y Wayne,
Nick's Fairlamb,	Jno. Montgomery,
Edward Biddle.	

Upon application of Capt. Wm. Allen for the payment of 28 firelocks, purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y, in Colo. Bull's Bat'n, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for £106. 9. 9., the amount of the same.

Robert Morris, Esq., by direction of Congress, acquaints this Board that they received the recommendation from this Board, of the eight Gent'n sent up yesterday as suitable persons to fill the offices of Majors, and that they were pleased to appoint Joseph Wood, second Major; George Nagel, third Major; Nicholas Hansseger, fifth Major; Henry Bicker, fourth Major; of the four Battalions of Pennsylvania Troops to be raised for the Continental Service.

Pursuant to a Resolution of Congress and this Board, this Committee proceeded to the choice of a number of Gentlemen to be appointed as proper persons for Captains to the four Batallions now

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to be raised, when the following Gent'n were agreed upon, and to rank agreeable to the numbers* affixed to their names:

John Beatty,	Peter Scull,
Thomas Craig,	Caleb Noarth,
William Buttler,	Christopher Stuart,
John Miller,	Alexander Graydon,
William West,	Thomas Church,
John Brisban,	Samuel Watson,
Samuel Benizet,	John Hulings,
Persifor Feazer,	Frederick Vernon,
Thomas Robinson,	David Lenox,
Rudolph Breenner,	Walter Stewart,†
Thomas Byles,	Henry Allice,
John Reese,	James Taylor,
John Spohn,	Peter Decken,
Nathaniel Vansant,	Joseph Hubley,
James Moore,	Matthew Duncan.
John Lacey,	

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having deliver'd the following Articles on account of the Continental Congress, vizt.:

2400lbs. Grape shot, d'd Capt. Falconer.
758lbs. Musket Ball.
242 6 pound Canon Ball.
200 4 pound do.
26 Cross Barr, Sliding & Starr Shot.
13 Swivel Shot.
1000 ditto small.
38 Barrels, } Gunpowder weight 6500lbs.
18 half Barrels, } Gunpowder weight 6500lbs.
72 q'r barrels, } Gunpowder weight 6500lbs.
36 pounds Salt petre, d'd Doct'r Harrison.
37 Provincial Muskets & 136 Bayonets, d'd Capt. Craig.
46 Chester County Muskets, with Bayonets.
50 Provincial Muskets, Bayonets, & Scabbards, d'd Capt. Lt. Nicholas.
216 Musket Cartridges, deliver'd to Capt Hubley.
10 New Muskets & Bayonets, rec'd from Colo. Jno. Cadwalader, & deliver'd to Capt. Sam'l Nicholas.
7 Province Muskets, d'd Capt. Nicholas.
200lbs. Musket Ball, d'd Capt. Nicholas.
7lbs. Salt Petre, d'd Capt. Loxley.
4 quarter Barrel Gun powderd'd to Capt. Rtee eed, 100lbs.

*No numbers to the names—to each an x is added.
†Probably Stewart—minutes torn.

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In Committee of Safety,

PHILAD., 6th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Samuel Morris, jun'r,	Henry Wynkoop,
Nich's Fairlamb,	George Gray,
Jno. Montgomery,	James Biddle,
James Mease,	Owen Biddle,
Samuel Miles,	Edward Biddle,
Thomas Wharton, j'r.	John Nixon,
Robert Whyte,	Anthony Wayne,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Francis Johnston,
Joseph Read,	Samuel Howell,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Jno. Cadwalader.

Pursuant to a Resolution of Congress and this Board, this Committee proceeded to the Choice of a number of Gentlemen to be appointed as Lieutenants to the four Battalions now to be raised, when the following persons were agreed upon, and to Rank agreeable to the numbers affixed to their names, Vizt.:

Joseph Potts, x	George Tudor, x
John Richardson, x	John Gross, x
Alexander Johnston, x	John David Woelpper, x
Thomas Lloyd Moore, x	Robert Wilkins, x
Joseph Davenport, x	Daniel Broadhead, jun'r, x
John Chilton, x	John Morgan. x
Evan Edwards,	Samuel Smith, x
John Bankson, x	Andrew Keehlin,
Benjamin Bartholomew, x	Adam Bettin, x
Matthew Knox, x	William Davidson, x
James R. Reid, x	William Bird, x
Samuel Moore, x	Michael Kimmle, x
James Christie, x	John Priestly, x
John Lawrence, x	Charles Phile, x
John Christie, x	Michael Hoofnagle, x
John Williamson, x	John Helm, x

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In Committee of Safety, 8th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Dan'l Roberdeau,	John Montgomery,
Thomas Wharton, j'r,	George Clymer,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Howell,
James Biddle,	Samuel Howell.

Upon application of Capt. Willet for the payment of twenty-three Firelocks, purchased by him for the use of his company in Colo Bull's Battalion, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, paymasters to said Battalion, for £72 0 6 for the payment of the same.

Colo. Miles & Mr. Wharton being appointed to wait on Messrs. Joshua Fisher & Sons, for a list of the Goods Imported by them, and Stored by order of the Committee of Inspection and Observation, Report that they call'd upon those Gent'n, and informed them of the Resolve of this Board, who gave for answer that they declined giving any such List, having already furnished the Committee of Inspection and Observation with one, and notwithstanding it was urged to Messrs. Fishers that application had been made to the Committee of Inspection and observation, who said they had mislaid it, yet they persisted in the refusal.

Upon the Petition of Colo. St. Clair & Rich'd Buttler, respecting the Public Powder in Westmoreland County, This Committee Resolve that the Powder now in Westmoreland County, belonging to this Province, shall still remain there as the property of the Province, and be under the care of the Committee of said County, not to be used but in the defence of the County.

Pursuant to a Resolution of Congress and this Board, this Committee proceeded to the Choice of a Number of Gentlemen to be appointed as Second Lieutenants and Ensigns to the four battalions now to be raised, when the following persons were agreed upon, and to Rank agreeable to the numbers affixed to their names, viz.:

James Montgomery, x	William Tilton, x
Ezra Bartleson, x	Walter Bicker, x
Alexander McClintock, x	Ross Currie, x
John Budd Dunn, x	Thomas Boude, x
John Duguid, x	Michael Ryan, x
Robert Gregg, x	Thomas Holland, x
William Crawford, x	Henry Becker, x
William Chambers, x	William Standley, x
John Finley, x	Charles McHenry, x
Thomas Jenney, x	John Woodside, x

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John Craig, x
Richard Collier, x
Andrew Forrest, x
Henry Epple, x
Robert Connolly, x
Isaac Seily, x
Charles C. Beatty, x
John Rudulph, x
Charles Seits, x
Benjamin Armitage, x
Andrew Dover, x
Edward Young. x

Ensigns.

Benjamin Miller, x
James Hunter, x
Alexander Hall, x
Job Vernon, x
John Henry, jun'r., x
Thomas Park, x
Joel Westcoat, x
James McKie, x
James O'Harra, x
John Gansel, x
William Craig, x
William Old, x
Thomas Wallice, x
John Savidge, x
John Evans, x
Isaac Vanhorn, x
Ezekiel Letts, x
Harman Stout, x
James Black, x
Thomas McEntire, x
Jacob Funk, x
Edward Hovendon, x
James Cloyd, x
Samuel Schriver, x
Abel Morris, x
John Wallice, x
John Barclay, x
James Mulloy, x
Mordecai Davis, x
John Dover, x
Levi Griffith, x
James Gibbons. x

"In Congress, January 4th, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That a fifth Battalion be raised in Cumberland County, in the Colony of Pennsylvania.

"Signed CHARLES THOMSON, Sec'y."

Pursuant to a Resolution of Congress & this Board, this Committee proceeded to the choice of a Number of Gentlemen to be recommended as proper persons for Field Officers to the fifth Battalion, to be raised in Cumberland County, when the following persons were agreed upon, & now recommended to the Honorable Congress as suitable persons to fill the offices of Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, & Majors; And at the same time, they proceeded to the Choice of proper persons to be appointed as Captains, First and Second Lieutenants, and Ensigns, to said Battalion, when the following were agreed upon, and to Rank agreeable to the numbers affixed to their names, vizt.:

Colonel.

x William Irwine, 12 votes. James Ewin, 3 votes.

Lieutenant Colonel.

x Thomas Hartley, 11 votes. Pat'k Maxwell, 3 votes.

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Major.

x James Dunlap, 11 votes. Edw'd Morton, 3 votes.

Captains.

x David Grier,
x Abraham Smith,
x Samuel Hay,
x Jeremiah Tolbert,
x William Rippie,
x Moses McClain,
x James A. Wilson,
x Robert Adams.

Lieutenants.

x William Alexander,
x Bernard Eichelberger,
x John McDonnal,
x Robert White,
x William Bratton,
x John McDowel,
x Lewis Bush,
x John Grier.

Second Lieutenants.

x Alexander Parker,
x Samuel McFerson,
x John Alexander,
x McClelland,
x Edward Stille,
x Archibald McAllister, jr.,
x John Brooks & Adjutant
x Brown.

Ensigns.

x Samuel Montgomery,
x William Nicholes,
x William Graham,
x William Miller,
x William Lusk,
x John Murray,
x Robert Hoope,
x William Brown.

x Robert Johnston, Surgeon.
x John Brooks, Adjutant.

In Committee of Safety, 9th January, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

James Mease,
Thomas Wharton, jr.,
Samuel Howell,
Samuel Miles,
John Cadwalader,
Joseph Reed,
Daniel Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle,
James Biddle,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.

Conformable to a Resolution of Congress That Nathaniel Shaw should have permission to load Flour in this port, to the amount of two thousand pounds, this Board requested the Committee of inspection and observation to permit Thomas & Isaac Wharton, to export in Flour to the said amount.

Resolved, That Mr. Read & Mr. Mease be appointed to wait on the Committee of Inspection & observation, and request the favour of that Committee to procure with all possible Speed, an Invoice or Inventory of the Goods belonging to Messrs. Joshua Fisher & Sons, now in the Stores of said Committee, for the use of this Board.

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Resolved, That Capt. Procter immediately go to Fort Island, and take under his Command the Artillery Company station'd there.

Order'd, that Robert Towers, Commiss'y, immediately apply to Colo. Cadwalader for all the Muskets he has to spare, and deliver them to Capt. Nicholas, taking his receipt for the same.

Upon Application of Capt. Jones, of Colo. Bull's Battalion, for the payment of four firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Company in said Battalion, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for £14 15, being the amount of said Firelocks.

Resolved, That Every Member of this Board now in Town, be desired to attend a Meeting at 8 o'clock precisely, to-morrow Morning.

Resolved, that Doct'rs Cadwalader, Dr. Bond, Dr. Richard Rush, & Dr. Shippen, jun'r, be requested to examine all candidates who shall offer as Surgeons to the Different Battalions, & that no person be appointed by this Board to the office of Surgeon without first obtaining a certificate of his abilities, from at least three of the above Gentlemen, & that they appoint a day for examination, as soon as is convenient.

Resolved, that Mr. Gray, chairman of the Committee of Philad'a County, be desired to call together the Members of the said Committee on Wednesday, the 17th instant; and that Mr. Hart, Chairman of the Committee of Bucks County, be desired to call together the members of that County on Monday, the 22 Inst., at 4 o'Clock, on business of the utmost importance, which will be communicated to them by a deputation from this Board, who will attend the meeting, and that they be desired immediately to employ a special Messenger or Messengers for the purport at the Expence of this Board, and to Notify to the Board the places of each Meeting.

In Committee of Safety,—10th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAMUEL MILES, chairman.

Benja. Franklin,	Anthony Wayne,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Jno. Nixon,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Jno. Cadwalader.
George Clymer,	James Biddle,
Samuel Morris, jun'r,	James Mease,
Jno. Montgomery,	Robert White.
Samuel Howell,	

Resolved, That this Committee will, on Monday next, proceed to the appointment of Second Lieutenants in Colo. Bull's Battalion, and that this Resolve be made public.

Resolved, That this Committee will, on the 12th February next, proceed to the appointment of Chaplains to the six Battalions raised in this Province by order of Congress.

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By Order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich. Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer to this Board, in favour of Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt, Paymaster of the Boats, or order, for Sixteen hundred pounds.

Resolved, That Colo. Miles, Mr. Mease & Mr. Sam'l. Morris, be a Committee to inquire for proper places to errect powder Magazines in this Province, and to procure plans of the necessary buildings, and make a report of the same to this Board.

Res'd, that Colo. Roberdeau & Mr. Mease apply to Joshua Fisher and Sons, to know if they will sell what goods this Board may have occasion for, for the use of the public, that they have in the Store of the Committee of Inspection & observation.

In Committee of Safety,—11th Jan'y.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, chairman.

Anthony Wayne,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
John Cadwalader.	Nich's Fairlamb.
Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
Samuel Morris, jun'r.,	

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Towers, commissary, employ in the service of this Province Thomas Truck & John Forrest, and that they be allowed each 45s ℔ Month, and 7s 6 ℔ week for subsistance.

Pursuant to a Resolution of Congress and this Board, this Committee proceeded to the choice of a Number of Gentlemen to be appointed adjutants to the second, third & fourth Battalions now to be raised, when the following Gentlemen were made choice of:—George Ross, Walter Bicker, & Thos. Holland.

Upon application of Colo. Wayne, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, treasurer to this Board, in favor of the Commiss'rs & assess'rs of Chester County, for twenty-seven pounds, being so much towards the payment of Arms, &ca., for the use of that County.

Doct'r Franklin sent to this Board the following Resolve of Congress, which is directed to be enter'd on the Minutes of this Committee, and a Copy thereof to be deliver'd to Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in order to their furnishing Colo. Bull's Battalion with such Articles therein set forth, that are not already furnish'd agreeable to a former resolution of Congress.

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"In Congress, 10th Jan'y, 1776.

"The following Articles to be provided for the first Pennsylvania Batt'n, under the command of Colo. Bull, now under orders to March for Canada, viz't:

688 Caps.
688 p'r Mittens.
688 p'r Stockings.
688 p'r Leggings.
688 p'r Shoes.
1200 Shirts.
300 pair Blankets.
688 Haversacks.
688 Slings for Firelocks.
688 Waistcoats.
500 pair Beeches.
64 pitching Axes, and
Nine baggage-Waggons.

"*Resolved*, that it be recommended to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, to supply the Pennsylvania Battalion with such of the above articles as they have not already furnish'd, agreeable to former resolutions of Congress, and that all the Articles furnished the Men more than those allowed in lieu of bounty, be deducted out of their pay.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON, Sect'y."

Agreeable to a Resolve of Yesterday, Colo. Roberdeau & Mr. Mease waited on Messrs. Fishers, and Report they positively and absolutely refuse to give any consent to the sale of their goods, or concur in any way to bring about the end proposed.

Resolved, That application be made to the Committee of the City & Liberties, informing them that the articles enumerated at the Bottom of the Resolve, are essentially necessary for the publick use; that they are not to be procured in this City, but from Joshua Fisher & Sons, who have them in the Commttee Store and have refused to dispose of said goods, or concur in any measures by which they be appropriated to the use of the publick.

That this Committee, therefore, request the Committee of Inspection and observation will take such measures to procure the undermention'd Goods, as the publick Intrest may require, and as they have done in Cases of the like nature:

2 tuns Pigg Lead.
2 Bales Russia Sheeting.
2 bales Ravens Duck.
1 Case Irish Linnen.
7 bales Sail Cloth.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 12th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Jno. Montgomery,	George Clymer,
Anthony Wayne,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Gray,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Robert Whyte,	Alex. Wilcocks,
Nicholas Fairlamb,	Jno. Cadwalader.

Upon application of Cap'n Jones, for the payment of Seven fire-locks purchas'd by him for the use of his Comp'y in Colo. Bull's Battalion, an order was drawn for £22, 15, in his favour, on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, paymasters to said Battalion.

The appointments of the Captains, Lieutenants, Ensigns, & adjutants, were this day sent to Congress by Colo. Wayne.

Thos. Dewees' acc't against the Congress, for the Soldiers Lieu't Symes & Duncan Campbell Confined in Gaol by order of Congrees, up to the 8th inst., were certifyed by the Chairman to be just, amounting in the whole to £8, 0 7½.

In Consequence of the Resolution of Congress of the 2nd Ins't, handed to this Board,

Resolved, that Colo. Roberdeau & Mr. Clymer, be a Committee to procure Copies of all the Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances which have been by this Colony presented to the Throne, or either House of Parliament, since the year 1762, and also of the answers, if any, that were given to them, in order to lay them before Congress, and this Committee are to forward any other business that may be recommended to this Board in the other Resolutions of Congress accompanying the above of the 2d ins't.

Resolved, that Mr. Reed, Mr. Mease, & Mr. Howell, be a Committee to meet the Committee of Inspection & Observation of Philadelphia County, at Chesnut Hill, on Wednesday next, at 11 o'Clock.

Resolved, that Christopher Carter be discharged from imprisonment, upon condition that he pay his Fees and immediately departs the Continent; and that Leonard Snowden be enlarged on paying fees, and giving his Parole, that his future conduct shall not be inimical to the American Cause.

Resolved, that Colo. Roberdeau, Mr. Gray, & Mr. Owen Biddle, be a Committee to procure and get made in the best and most Speedy manner, 25 Grubbing Hoes, 150 Picks, 500 Shovels, 100 Spades, 100 Pitching Axes, & 1000 Pikes, 50 Wheelbarrows, & 150 hand-Barrows.

Letters were wrote to the Commissioners & Assessors of each County, respecting the Arms, &ca., to be provided by them, agree-

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able to a Resolve of Assembly of the 30th June last, and to the Committees of the different Counties, (except those of Westmoreland, Northumberland, & Bedford,) respecting the Manufacture of Salt Petre, and the mode of procuring & paying for the Same.

Robert Towers, Commissary, reports his having receiv'd the following Articles into Store, vizt:

65 lbs. Salt Petre, from the manufactory of this City.
56 lbs. Do. from Ditto.
36 Steel Ram Rods, from Wm. Brown.
2 cwt. 3 qr. 0 of Small Shot, from Owen Biddle.
2½ lbs. Salt Petre from Mr. Peal, for which he gave 10 oz. of Powder, & 9s 4½ in Cash.
56 lbs. Shot from John Scotton, @ 38s., his having deliver'd
4 lbs. Powder to Mr. Vandegriff, for the Com'rs & Assess'rs Bucks Co'y.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 13th January, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAMUEL HOWELL, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
James Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
James Mease,	Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,	Jno. Cadwalader.

Capt. Andrew Caldwell having been applied to take the Command of the Fleet in the Service of this Province, and consenting thereto, it is

Resolved, That he, the said Andrew Caldwell, be and he is hereby appointed Commander-in-Chief, or Commander of all the Armed Vessells in the Service of this Province.

Resolved, That a Person be appointed Second in Command of the Armed Vessels in the Service of this Province.

Thomas Apty produced his account for furnishing 24 Men, prisoners confined by Congress, with provisions to this day, amounting to £41 2 3, which was certified by the Chairman to be just, and directed to the Committee of Acco't of Congress.

Mr. Owen Biddle having produced an account for sundry Articles Supply'd the Salt petre Works of this Province, By Order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour on the Committee of Accounts of this Board for £78 15 6, being the amount of said Account.

Resolved, That this Board pay Thomas Dewees the Jail Expences of Leonard Snowden, he being incapable of doing it.

Mr. Clymer, by desire of this Board, applied to Mr. Jno. McNeal to know if it would be agreeable to him to enter into the Service of

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this Province in the character of an Engineer; In consequence of which, Mr. McNeal acquaints this Board by Letter, that his bad state of health prevents his acceptance of the appointment, but will do everything in his power from time to time, for the Service of the Province, without any fee.

In Committee of Safety.—15 Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Sam'l Howell,	Jos. Reed,
James Biddle,	Jno. Cadwalader,
Owen Biddle,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
Geo. Clymer,	James Mease.
Alex'r Wilcocks,	

Mr. Mease having deliver'd an order of Congress to this Board, the following of which is a Copy, it was by order of the Board, by the chairman deliver'd to Messrs Mease & Caldwell, for the uses therein mentioned, vizt:

"PHILAD'A., 11th Jan'y, 1776.

"Gent'n:

"Please to pay to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, six thousand Dollars for the use of the Battalion in this City, the said Committee to be accountable for the Expenditure of said Sum.

"I am Gent'n,

"Y'r Most obed't Serv't,

"Sign'd, JOHN HANCOCK, Presid't.

"To Michael Hillegas & George Clymer, Esq'rs., Treasurers."

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas Esq'r, in favor of John Nixon, Thomas Whartor, jun'r, & James Mease, the Committee of accounts, for five thousand pounds, and sign'd by the Chairman.

Order'd that Mr. John Ross be directed to furnish immediately a Return of the Number of Men now in the Service of this Province, on board the armed Boats.

Pursuant to a Resolve of Congress, that the Battalions rais'd in this Province in the Continental Service, should have a second Lieutenant to each Company, this Board went into the choice of Eight Gentlemen, as proper persons to be appointed Second Lieutenants in Colo. Bull's Batt'n, when the following Gent'n were made Choice of.

1. Roger Stayner, x	5. John Ellis, x
2. George Jenkins, x	6. Sam'l Tolbert, x
3. Christian Staddle, x	7. Peter Gossner, x
4. Ames Wilkinson, x	8. John Cobey. x

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In Committee of Safety.—16th Jan'y

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	James Biddle,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
John Cadwalader.	Owen Biddle,
Anthony Wayne,	James Mease.

Resolved, That Doct'r Robert Johnson, recommended by Dr's. Thomas Cadwalader, Thomas Bond, Adam Kuhn & William Shippen, Jun'r., according to a former Resolve of this Board, is hereby appointed Surgeon to the Sixth, or Colonel Will'm Irvine's Battalion, to be raised by order of the Congress.

The Honorable Continental Congress hav'g recommended Chaplains to be appointed to the Battalions to be raised in this Province, in the service of the United Colonies, upon

Resolved, That the Reverend Daniel McCalla be appointed Chaplain to the first or Colo. Bull's Battalion.

Upon application of Joseph Fox, Esq'r.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, in his favour, for five hundred pounds.

Upon application of Capt. Le Mar, for the payment of twenty-two firelocks, purchased by him for the use of his Company in Colo. Bull's Batt'n, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell in his favour, for £79 11, being the amount of said Firelocks.

Mr. Morris, by direction of Congress, deliver'd the following Resolve of Congress to this Board, a Copy of which was deliver'd to Robert Towers, with orders to see the same Carried into execution.

"In Congress, Jan'y 8, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania, to send 500 lbs. wt. of powder to the Colony of Virginia, for the use of the Forces to be employed in the Counties of Accomack and Northampton.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"Sign'd, CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y."

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports his having receiv'd the following Articles into Store:

250 lbs. powder from Oswell Eve.
16 New Muskets from John Nicholson.
8 New ditto from Lewis Prahl.
19 half bls. } Gun Powder, w't 5,825 lbs., rec'd from Pelatiah
195 qr. bls. } Webster, for account of the Cont'l Congress.

That he has deliver'd to Capt. Falconer, on acc't of Congress, 80 qr. Barrels, w't 2000 lbs.; he has deliver'd to the Delegates of New Jersey, by order of do., 8 qr. bls., 200 lbs.

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Resolved, That the powder Committee be empower'd to Continue their endeavors to import Powder, & that they have power to assure the Value of the Vessells employed in this service, if they find it necessary, at the Risque of the Province.

In Committee of Safety.—17th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Henry Wynkoop,	Anthony Wayne,
Thomas Wharton, j'r,	Francis Johnson,
James Biddle,	James Mease,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Alex'r Wilcocks.
Jno. Cadwalader,	

Upon Motion of Mr. Thomas Wharton, one of the Committee for Importing and procuring of Powder, Arms, &c., for the use of this Province,

Resolved, That they, the said Committee, load the Brig Dolphin, Capt. Prole, with the produce of these Colonies, for the purpose of procuring said articles from Foreign parts, and that the following Certificate be Issued, viz't:

"This is to Certifie, that Messrs. Rob't Morris & Thos. Wharton, jr., has permission to load the Brig't Dolphin, Capt. Prole, with the produce of these Colonies, the same being for account of this Province, agreeable to a Resolve of the Honorable the Congress, dated 26th Oct'r, 1775."

Resolved, That the following advertisement be published in the different newspapers of this City, Viz't:

"Such persons as are willing to erect Powder Mills in this Province, within fifty Miles distance of this City, are desired to apply to the Committee of Safety, who will lend them Money, on Security, if required, for that purpose, and give them other Encouragement."

Resolved, That Colo. Wayne, Colo. Johnson, Mr. Bartholomew & Mr. Reiley, be a Committee to Examine the Firelocks, Cartridge Boxes, Knapsacks, &ca., as ordered by Assembly to be provided by Chester County, are made agreeable to the said order of Assembly, and to the patterns deliver'd the Commissioners & Assessors of said County, and make return of the same to this Board.

Upon application of Capt. Josiah Harmer, for the payment of 11 firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Company in Colo. Bull's Battalion, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for £23 12 6, being the amount of the same.

Resolved, That Joseph Fox, Esq'r., advance to Gouger, Dunwick and Kinder, three men employed by him in making Fire Arms for the use of this Province, Fifty pounds each, for which they are to

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deliver thirty-five stand of Arms without receiving any payment, and Mr. Fox is desired to take their Seperate obligations.

Resolved, That Major Sam'l Meredith & Capt. Rich'd Peters, Jr., be appointed in the place of Colo. Shee & Colo. Cadwalader, who, with Capt. Wilcocks, were authorized by this Board to Contract for 1000 firelocks & Bayonets.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 18th Jan'ry, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	Anthony Wayne,
John Cadwalader,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton,	James Mease,
James Biddle,	Francis Johnson.

Mr. Alexander Hall having declined his appointment as an Ensign to one of the Companys in the four Battalions now to be raised by order of Congress, this Board proceeded to the choice of another Gentleman, as a fit person to supply his place, when Mr. Joseph Standley was agreed to be appointed.

This Committee being informed by Congress, through Andrew Allen, Esq'r, that there was some dispute about the Classing the Field Officers, upon inquiry do find that there was some small difference between Colo. Sinclair & Colo. Wayne, respecting the arrangements of their Majors; Therefore,

Resolved, That Nicholas Haussiger be appointed Major to Colo. Wayne's Battalion, & Joseph Wood be Major to Colo. St. Clair's Battalion.

"WHEREAS, it appears by a Report from the Committee of Inspection and observation of the City of Philadelphia, that they have without effect, taken every peaceable measure in their power to obtain certain goods belonging to Messrs. Joshua Fisher & Sons, now in the store of the said Committee, and applied for by this Board for the publick service, and it appearing to this Committee that the said Goods, consisting of Sail Cloth, Lead, Russia Sheeting, Raven's Duck, Linnens, Redserge, White Lead, & Spanish Brown, are essentially necessary for the public Service; it is

Resolved, that the said Committee of Inspection and observation deliver said goods to Thomas Lawrence, Vendue Master, to be immediately sold at public Vendue, that this Committee may have an opportunity of purchasing them for the public service, and that this Committee will pay for the same, or be answerable for the payment when required.

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Doct'r John Smith being brought to this City by Capt. Shryock as a person inimical to the liberties of America, was by order of the Board, committed to prison, agreeable to the following Commitment, viz't. :

"WHEREAS, Doct'r Jno. Smith stands charg'd before this Board with practices inimical to the Liberties of America, these are to authorize and require you to receive into your custody the said Doct'r John Smith, and him safely and closely keep confined, without admitting any person to speak with, or have access to him, unless by special order from the Honorable the Continental Congress, or this Board, and without Pen, Ink, & Paper, until he be discharged by the said Congress or the Committee, and hereof you are not to fail, at your peril.

"By order of the Committee,
"Sign'd JNO. NIXON, Chair'n.

"To the Keeper of the Gaol of the City & County of Philad'a."

Order'd, That John Hall be authorized to purchase half a Tunn of Barr Iron for Lewis Prahl, for making Gun Barrels, and draw upon this Committee for the amount.

Robert Towers Reports his having receiv'd and deliver'd the following articles :

cwt. 7 0 0 Shot receiv'd from Thomas Smith.

cwt. 1 0 0 do. rec'd from Mice Baxter. Cash £1 18.

10 half Barrels Powder, w't 500 lbs., sent to Virginia by order of Congress, which powder is the property of the Congress.

2 lbs. Powder deliver'd Mr. Wynkoop, of Bucks County.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 19th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT :

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

James Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,
George Clymer,
Thomas Wharton, j'r.,
Samuel Howell,
Nicho's Fairlamb,
James Mease.

Resolved, That Mr. Sam'l Howell purchase the whole quantity of Brass that Mr. Amos Strettle may have for sale, and order it into the hands of the Commissary.

Colo. Roberdeau & Mr. Clymer, a Committee appointed to procure Copies of all the Petitions, Memorials, & Remonstrances, which have been by this Colony presented to the Throne or either House of Parliament since the year 1762—and also the answers, if any, that were given to them, Report three Petitions to the King, viz't: one of June 6th, 1776; one of Sept'r 22d, 1768, & one March 5,

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1771; one Petition to the House of Lords, dated Sept'r 22nd, 1768; also, two Petitions to the House of Commons, dated Jan'y 14, 1766, and Sept'r 22nd, 1768; And that they are inform'd by the Clerk of Assembly of this Province, that no answer has been given to either of the above mention'd petitions.

Resolved, That Mr. Clymer & Colo. Roberdeau wait upon the Congress with the above mention'd Copies of Petitions.

Doct'r Jonathan Potts having sent to this City twenty Provincial Muskets, accompanied with his account of Sundry repairs made by the different People who he collected them from, and which he applies for the payment of,

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer of this Board for the same, which order was accordingly drawn in favour of s'd Potts, on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, for £52 5 3.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to view Liberty Island, repair as soon as the season will permit, to that place with Dav'd Rittenhouse, Robert Smith & John M'Neal, and determine on and lay out such works as they shall think sufficient to defend it, and that those Gentlemen employ such Persons as may be necessary to compleat said works, agreeable to the Report of the Committee appointed for that business.

Resolved, That the Commodore be directed to cause four hundred Sea Men and Landsmen immediately to be recruited for the service of the armed Boats and other Naval Equipments, on the same Terms the other Men were raised.

Upon application of Capt. William Jenkins, for the payment of twenty-six Firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Company, in Col'o. Bull's Battalion; By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for £88 4 6, in his favour, being the amount of s'd Firelocks.

Agreeable to a Recommendation of Congress, this Board discharged David Foster from his confinement, he being a person confined with others taken with Capt. Campbel.

Resolved, That Messrs. David Rittenhouse, Andrew Doz, Tho's Cuthbert, Dan'l Joy & Benj'n Harbeson, or a Majority of them, be appointed for carrying into execution the Contract which this Committee have entered into with Morgan Bustead, for casting Canon, and they are hereby authorized to employ a sufficient number of Workmen, and to provide every Material necessary for that purpose, all orders from said Board on our Committee of accounts for the above said purposes, shall be duly paid. It is further,

Resolved, That the Canon Committee appointed from this Board heretofore, be desired to aid & assist the above mention'd Gentlemen as much as they Conveniently can, and to explain to them the nature of the Contract; the kind of Canon which are wanted, and of the plan this Committee had in view for prosecuting the said works.

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In Committee, 20th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

John Nixon,	George Clymer,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert Whyte,
Owen Biddle,	Anthony Wayne,
Thomas Wharton, j'r,	James Mease,
Sam'l Howell,	James Biddle.

Robert Towers, Commiss'y, Reports his having deliver'd to Capt. Falconer, on account of Congress,

500 lbs of Musket Balls,
200 lbs of Lead,

that he receiv'd from Doct'r. Potts from Reading,

20 Provincial Muskets &
1 Wall piece.

The Honorable the Congress, sent the following Resolve to this Board, to be carried into execution.

"In Congress, 17th Jan'y, 1776.

Resolved, that the Colonels of the several Battalions of Pennsylv'a, be supplyed with Money for the recruiting Service by the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, and disburse the same to the several recruiting officers, the Colonels and other officers to be accountable for what they shall receive, and all arrears they may fall into to be stopped from their pay.

"Extract from the Minutes,
"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON.

"*Resolved*, that Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, be appointed to see the above Resolve of Congress carried into execution, and that the following order from Congress on their Pay Master, be deliver'd them."

"Philad'a, 20th Jan'y, 1776.

"Gentlemen:

"Please to pay to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, Fifteen thousand Dollars, for the use of the Battalions in Pennsylvania, the said Committee to account for the Expenditure of that Sum.

"I am Gent'n,
"Your most obed't, ser't,
"Sign'd, JOHN HANCOCK, Presid't.

"To Michael Hillegas & George Clymer, Esq'rs, Treasurers."

The above order was this day deliver'd to Messrs. Mease and Caldwell, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Upon application of Colo. Wayne, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs Mease & Caldwell, in his favour, for one thousand pounds, being for the use of his Battalion to be raised in the Continental Service.

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Upon application of Capt. Dorsey for the payment of 10 firelocks, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs Mease and Caldwell, for £37 7 6, being for the use of his Com'y, in Colo. Bull's Batt'n.

Upon application of Capt. Le Mar, for the payment 11 Firelocks purchas'd by him for the use of his Comp'y, in Colo. Bull's Batt'n, An order was drawn on Messrs Mease & Caldwell, for £ 34 6 3.

Upon application of Colo. Arthur St Clair, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs Mease & Caldwell, in his favour, for one thousand pounds, for the use of his Battalion to be raised in the service of the Colonies.

Upon application of Lt. Colo. Joseph Penrose, for a sum of Money for the use of Colo. Magau's Battalion, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs Mease & Caldwell, for one thousand pounds, for the use of s'd Batt'n.

Agreeable to the desire of the Committee of Congress, this board proceeded to the choice of Six Gentlemen to be recommended to Congress as proper persons to be appointed Ensigns to Colo. Bull's Battalion, when the following persons were agreed on:

1, Nicholas Scull, x
2, Joseph Granway, x
3, John Irvine, x
4, John Bryce, x
5, Benjamin Rice, x
6, Major Walbron, x

Resolved, That the Number of the Artillery Men in the service of this province, be augmented to one hundred Men, (including non Commission'd Officers,) and a suitable number of Commission'd officers to be appointed thereto.

Upon application of Colo. John Shea, for a sum of Money for the use of his Battalion, an order was drawn on Messrs Mease & Caldwell, in his favour, for one thousand pounds.

Resolved, That Mr. Mease, Mr. Reed, Mr. James Biddle & Mr. Wharton, be a Committee to meet the Committee of Inspection & Observation, of Bucks County, on Monday next.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 22nd Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
Samuel Howell,	Jno. Cadwalader,
Owen Biddle,	John Nixon.

Upon application of Capt. Harmer, for the payment of 9 firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y in the Battalion late

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Col'o. Bull's, An order was drawn in his favour on Messrs Mease & Caldwell, for £31 4 6.

Mr. Ross, Muster Master, agreeable to a Resolve of this Board, made a Return of the Men employed on Board the armed Boats, which is as follows, vizt:

Men in pay,	410,
of whom are sick,	25,
of whom in Gaol,	1,

Agreeable to a Recommendation of Congress, this Board discharged the three following persons from confined, who were committed to Gaol by order of Congress, vizt:

Daniel Calahan,
George Conway,
John Reynolds.

Upon application of Colo. Arthur St. Clair, for a sum of Money for the use of his Battalion to be raised for the service of the United Colonies; By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for one thousand pounds.

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Morris of this Board, Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. McNeal & Capt. Joy, be a Committee to Survey the Jersey Shore from Billingsport to Newtown Creek, to determine what posts it may be necessary to fortify against the attempts of an Enemy who may endeavour to land, to make an Estimate of the Expence thereof, and to Report to this Board by this day week.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 23d Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	George Gray,
George Clymer,	Robert Whyte,
John Cadwalader,	James Mease,
Samuel Howell,	Owen Biddle.

WHEREAS, many officers of the association have purchased arms at their own expense for the use of such associators as are unable to supply themselves for the defence of this Province,

Resolved, That this Committee are willing to purchase all arms purchased by officers of the association in this City, that shall be approved as good arms by the Commissary, and the Committee of Inspection in the several Counties, are requested to take proper steps to purchase all arms purchased as above by any officers in their respective Counties, and draw orders on this Board for the payment, and the said arms shall be put or remain in the hands of such associators in their respective Counties as are unable to supply themselves; And the Commanding officers of the several Bat-

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talions shall certifie the Number & Value of each Firelock to this Committee, and be accountable for the delivery of such arms, unless lost in actual service, whenever they shall be called upon by this Committee or Assembly.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 24th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	George Clymer,
James Biddle,	George Gray.
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	

Upon application of Capt. Davis for the payment of five firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Company in the Battalion late Colo. Bull's; By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for, sixteen pounds seventeen shillings & sixpence.

The Congress having sent down the following Resolve, this Board drew up a Parole to be sign'd by Capt. Campbell, which is also as follows, viz't:

"In Congress, 22nd Jan'y, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania be directed to release Capt. Duncan Campbel from close confinement, on parole similar to that taken of other officers who are prisoners; That Capt. Duncan Campbel have leave to reside at Lancaster.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"Sign'd, CHAS. THOMSON, Sect'y."

"I, Duncan Campbel, Captain in the Regiment of Royal Highland Emigrants, now a prisoner in the United Colonies, being enlarged from confinement, do hereby promise, upon the Honor of a Gentleman, to go to Lancaster, in this Province, after which I will not go to or near any Seaport Town, nor farther than six miles from my place of residence, without leave from the Continental Congress; that I will carry on no political Correspondence whatever, on the subject of the dispute between Great Britain and these Colonies, so long as I remain a prisoner.

"Sign'd, DUNCAN CAMPBEL."

Upon application of Capt. Willet for the payment of two firelocks purchas'd by him for the use of his Company in the Battalion late Colo. Bull's, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for £5 10, being the amount of said Firelocks.

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Resolved, That Leonard Snowden be discharged from his Confinement, on his paying the Gaol fees from the 16th inst.

Resolved, That Mr. Peter De Haven have liberty of drawing on John Nixon and others, the Committee of Accounts, for the sum of one hundred pounds, being towards Firelocks to be made by Mr. Phrahl.

Upon application of Capt. Harmar, for the payment of five Firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y in the Batalion late Colo. Bull's, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in his favour, for £18 12 6.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 25th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAMUEL HOWELL, (Chairman.)

James Mease,	John Nixon,
Owen Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, jr.,
Robert Whyte,	Jno. Cadwalader,
George Clymer,	Daniel Roberdeau.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in favour of Capt. Jenkenins for £27 6 6, being for Bayonets, Repairing Firelocks, &ca., for his Company in the Batt'n late Colo. Bull's.

The Committee of Safety having resolved to increase the Number of Men in the pay of, and for the defence of this Province, Captain Procter is hereby directed to enlist seventy Voluntiers, who are to be instructed principally in the use and management of Artillery, but to be embodied in such manner, and employed occasionally upon such service as may be hereafter determined by the said Committee.

It being highly expedient in the present Exigency of our affairs, to employ a number of Powder Mills, in order to work up into Gunpowder the different Materials that may be imported from foreign Countries, or be procured at home by the public encouragement lately offered,

Resolved, therefore, that Major Bayard, Capt. Cowperthwaite, Chris'r Ludwick, George Schlosser & Joseph Wetherill, be desired to consider of proper places to erect suitable works for the purpose, or to engage with owners of any Mill or Mills already erected for other purposes, to convert them to the making of Gunpowder; And to make report of their proceedings to this Board.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 26th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	John Cadwalader,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Reed,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Sam'l Wharton, jun'r,
James Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	Alex'r Wilcocks.

Upon application of Capt. Francis Wade, An order was drawn on the Committee of accounts for three hundred and fifty pounds, in his favour.

Upon application of Capt. Williams for the payment of Eighteen Firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y in the Batt'n late Colo. Bull's, An order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in his favour, for £65 2 6.

Colin Hamilton, a person taken with Capt. Campbel, & confined in the Gaol of this City, was, by order of the Board, discharged from his Confinement.

The following is the form of an Enlistment to be signed by the Voluntiers to be enlisted by Capt. Procter, Vizt.:

"We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do voluntarily agree to enter into the Service of the Province of Pennsylvania, to be instructed in the use and management of Artillery, Commanded by such officers as now are or may be hereafter appointed by the Assembly of this Province, or Committee of Safety, and to be occasionally employed in such Military Duty and Service in this or the Adjacent Provinces, or the River Delaware, as the defence of this Province may hereafter require, and for which they shall receive the orders of either of the above Boards."

Robert Towers Reports his having receiv'd the following Articles into Store, Vizt.:

cwt.	qr.	lb.	
9	3	24	of Brass, receiv'd from Amos Strettle.

88 lbs. Salt Petre, rec'd from Messrs. Biddle, Rittenhouse, and DeHaven.

7 Bales & 30 pieces of sail cloth, 1 Bale of Red Flannel, 22 Piggs of Lead,	rec'd from Tho's Lawrence, Vendue Master.
1 Barrel, 21 qr. barrels, 19 one-eighth barrels,	W't 862¼lbs. Gunpowder, rec'd from Matt. Aspden, on acc't of Congress.

That he has deliver'd 100lbs. Brass to Samuel Parker.

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Upon application of Robert Morris, Esq'r., for permission to export the produce of these Colonies to the amount of a quantity of powder imported by him, the following certificate was granted, viz. :

"These may Certifie that Robert Morris, Esq'r., has permission to export in the produce of these Colonies, to the amount of £2065 16 7, which sum is the amount of Gunpowder imported by him, and sold to this Committee.

"By order of the Committee.

"Sign'd, JNO. NIXON, Char'n."

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 27th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
Sam'l Miles,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Joseph Reed,	Jno. Cadwalader.
Owen Biddle,	

Doct'r Smith brought to this City and confined by order of Congress, as a person inimical to the Liberties of America, was this day brought before this Board, and being examined, and found, from his own confession, to have acted an unfriendly part in the present dispute between Great Britain and these Colonies, was remanded to Gaol, & there to remain 'till the further orders of this Board or the Congress.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 29th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,	George Gray,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	James Biddle.
Samuel Miles,	

Upon application of Major Bayard for permission to employ a Pilot and Pilot Boat, to cruise of the Capes of Delaware, for a Ship with arms and ammunition bound to this port,

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By order of the Board, the Chairman wrote to Mr. Henry Fisher, directing him to furnish Mr. Nathaniel Rumsey with a Pilot & Boat for the above mentioned purpose.

Lt. Cammeron, taken with Mr. Connolly, and confined by order of Congress, as a person inimical to the Liberties of America, was this day brought before this Board, and being examined, and found to have acted an inimical part in the present dispute between Great Britain and these Colonies, was remanded to Gaol, & there to remain 'til the further order of Congress and this Board.

Joseph Fox, of this City, Black Smith, having informed this Committee that Peter Cribs, his apprentice Lad, is inlisted on the Continental Service by Lt. Collier, of Colo. Magau's Batt'n, and it appearing that the said John Fox has paid a consideration for the time of the said apprentice, the Commanding officer of said Battalion is hereby desired to discharge him from his Enlistment, on being repaid all the Charges attending it.

Resolved, that no business be gone into before the minutes of the preceeding day's being read.

That the Minutes of this Board for the day, be constantly read before the Members seperate.

That no Member leave this Board without the permission of the Board.

Resolved, That this Board will, on Monday the fifth day of February next, appoint officers for a Company of Matrosses, to be immediately raised in this province for the service of Canada.

And this Resolve to be published in the Newspapers, to the end applications may be made by such as choose to enter into the said service.

Mr. Apty finding it inconvenient to victual the people Confined by order of Congress in Gaol, Sachervil Wood was directed to provide them with the usual allowance, for 7s. 6 ₱ Week each Man, to Commence to-morrow.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 30th Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Jno. Cadwalader,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
Robert Whyte,	Alex'r Wilcocks,
Sam'l Morris,	Joseph Reed,
Thos. Wharton, J'r.,	James Biddle,
James Mease,	Owen Biddle.
George Gray,	

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Robert Towers Reports his having receiv'd from Major Cox:

4,465	8 oz.	Ball, for Swivels.
4	32 lb.	Double headed Shot.
16	24 lb.	Do.
36	18 lb.	Do. (Left off.)

Upon application of John Handlyn for the payment of his account for repairing a number of Firelocks for Capt. Dorsey's Comp'y, in the Batt'n late Colo. Bull's, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for £22 16, in his favour.

Resolved, that Capt. Whyte procure the timber for making fifty large Canon Carriages.

Upon application of Capt. Wm. Williams for the payment of 4 firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y, in the Battalion late Colo. Bull's, an order was drawn in his favour for £16 10, on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, paymasters.

By order of the Board, the following advertisements were sent to Messrs. Hall & Sellers, & to Messrs. Bradford's, & the other Printers of this City, requesting them to publish them in their next papers.

"As Rags and Lint are essentially necessary for the public service, this Committee most earnestly request the Inhabitants of this City to collect what old Linnen they have and can spare, and in the course of next week, persons properly authorized, under the Hand of the Secretary of the Committee, will call at their Houses to receive it.

"Such persons, also, as have Salt Petre to dispose of, are hereby notified that Robert Towers, Commissary, next door but one to the Presbyterian Meeting House, in Market Street, will receive the same, and pay them therefor."

The Board adjourned to half after four O'Clock this day.

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Agreeable to adjournment; the following Members attended:

John Nixon,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Cadwalader,
George Gray,	George Clymer,
Joseph Reed,	James Mease,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Alex'r Wilcocks,
Samuel Morris, J'r.,	James Biddle,
Samuel Howell,	Robert Whyte.

By Letter from Mr. Henry Wynkoop to this Committee, dated Bucks County, the 24th ins't, it appears that James Wallace, Andrew Kirklein & Joseph Fenton, jun'r, were appointed by the Committee of Inspection and Observation of said County, to attend the Salt

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Petre Works in this City, to be instructed in the Manufacture of that Commodity, and to set up works at their Respective Houses in Bucks County, for the Instruction of the Inhabitants. James Wallace, being also by said Committee recommended as the officer for receiving and paying for the Salt Petre made in Bucks County,

Resolved, That on application of said James Wallace, he shall receive a sufficient sum of Money & Gunpowder for the purposes aforesaid, agreeable to the advertisement from this Board.

Agreeable to direction of Congress, this Board went into the Examination of Doct'r Connelly, and find him to be a person inimical to the Liberties and dangerous to the safety of these Colonies; therefore, was remanded to Gaol, 'til the further orders of Congress or this Committee.

Upon application of Mr. King for the payment of his Bill for a quantity of Grape Shot made for and deliver'd to this Board, this Committee came to the follow'g

Resolve, That he be paid 4d. ℔ pound for said Shot, and that he be allowed £55 as a recompence for his having undertaken this business, and for the unexpected disappointments he met with on carrying it into execution.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 31st Jan'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Jno. Cadwalader,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
James Mease,	Owen Biddle,
James Biddle,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
Samuel Howell,	George Gray.

Upon application of Capt. Procter for a sum of Money for the recruit'g Service; By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. Jno. Max'l Nesbitt, for fifty pounds for said purpose.

Upon application of Capt. Josiah Harmar for the payment of ten Firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y in the Battalion late Colo. Bull's, By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his fav'r, on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for £36 9.

The Memorial of the Captains & Lieutenants of the armed Boats was this day read, and refer'd to Fryday next.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this Board by the Committee of the County of Philadelphia, that Thomas Austin is charged by several Witnesses with having utter'd many declarations inimical to the Cause of American Liberty, and tending to excite Groundless fears and apprehensions in the minds of the Good People of this Province; It is

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Resolved, That the said Thomas Austin be required to attend this Committee on Tuesday the Sixth day of February next, at 11 o'clock in the Morning, to answer the said Charges, and that for that purpose he be served with a Copy of this Resolve.

The following Notice was sent to Josiah Hart, Marsh'l Edwards, Jacob Laughlin and Casper Fetters, witnesses in the Complaint against Thomas Austin, viz't:

"You are hereby required to attend the Committee of Safety on Tuesday the 6th day of February next, at 11 o'Clock in the Morning, to declare such matters as you know touching a certain charge exhibited to the said Board against Thomas Austin."

In Committee of Safety, 1st February, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman,

Thomas Wharton, jun.,	Samuel Miles,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Reed,
Samuel Howell,	Robert Whyte,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Jno. Cadwalader,
Samuel Morris, Jun'r,	Anthony Wayne,
James Mease,	Alex'r Wilcocks,
James Biddle,	George Clymer.

Upon application of the Committee of accounts, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas Esq'r., in favour of Jno. Nixon, Thomas Wharton, jun'r., & James Mease, or either of their orders, for the sum of ten thousand pounds.

Lt Colo. Penrose having informed this Board that a first Lieutenant is wanting in the fifth Battalion of Troops, to be raised in the Province, in the Continental Service, This Committee, therefore, do appoint Richard Seward to be a first Lieut. in said Battalion.

Upon application of John Tyler for the payment of his acc't for repairing a Number of Firelocks belonging to Capt. Willet's Comp'y in the Batt'n late Colo. Bull's, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in his favour, for £11 5 9.

Resolved, that Samuel Howell be joined to Robert Morris, Thomas Wharton, jun'r., & Robert Whyte, the Committee for importing Fire-arms, Gunpowder, Salt Petre, &ca., from foreign parts, for the use of this Province, to aid and assist them in that service.

Mr. Gratz having a quantity of Blankets and other Woolen Goods said to be proper for covering and Cloathing the Troops now raising for the Continental Service, this Board gave him directions to order the said Goods immediately to this City, and if they are found suitable for the above purpose, this Board will allow him a generous price for them.

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Messrs. David Rittenhouse, Daniel Joy, John McNeal & Samuel Morris, jun'r., were by a Resolve of the 22nd ult., appointed and required to make Survey of the Jersey Shore from Billingsport to Newton Creek, and to determine what posts it may be necessary to fortify, to make an Estimate of the expence thereof, and Report the same to this Board; agreeable thereto, they make the following Report:

[Report found in proceedings of Committee on Feb. 2d., 1776.]

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 2nd Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

ALEX'R WILCOCKS, Chairman.

James Biddle,	Sam'l Howell,
George Clymer,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
Samuel Miles,	John Cadwalader,
Owen Biddle,	George Gray.

Upon application of Mr. James Chapman, one of the Commis'rs of Bucks County, for a Sum of Money to purchase a quantity of Oeznabrigs for Knapsacks, for the use of that County,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour, on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r., for fifty pounds for that purpose.

"*To the Honorable the Committee of Safety for the Province of Pennsylvania.*

"Gentlemen:

"According to your request, we proceeded from hence into the Province of New Jersey, to the lower part of Billingsport on the River Delaware, and survey'd the shore from thence to the low-land near Mantua Creek. We determined the bearing and distance of the upper Pier at the Fort from thence, and likewise the breadth of the channel opposite Billingsport, which was readily done by means of the grounded Ice on each side of it. From Billingsport we went to Red Bank, and there by measuring two stations and taking several bearings, we ascertained its distance from the upper Pier aforesaid. From Red Bank we returned to Gloucester, where we took several bearings, which served to compleat the Draught which accompanies this, in which you will see the particular bearings and distances, laid down with as much accuracy as the time would admit. If we may presume to give our judgment with regard to fortifying any part of the Jersey Shore, we are unanimous in our opinion, that it is not adviseable, because any part of Billingsport or Red Bank is at too great a distance from the Chevaux de Frize, for either Friends or enemys to annoy with certainty any Boats, &c., that may be stationed at them. And if a Fort were

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built at either of those places, the Enemy could land above or below it, without any difficulty, (unless a superior army could be collected before, on the spot to oppose them,) and oblige our people to spike their Cannon and quit the Fort, or submit to be made prisoners, & the very means of our defence be made to operate against us, or at least, be dismantled; To obviate which, we humbly offer a different manner of defence and annoyance to your Consideration, which is to have a number of Guns, 12 or 18 lb'rs, mounted on strong Traveling Carriages, and previous to the enemy's approach, to raise Breast works at the most convenient places at Billingsport, Manus Hellem's, and other places, from whence those Guns, thus mounted, and well ply'd with Star and Cross Barr'd Shot, &c., will annoy the Enemy much; and if they should land and press hard, our people can retreat, and make a fresh stand at suitable places.

"If the Enemy should land their whole force in the Jerseys, with an intent (as we may suppose) to Bombard this City, in such case the Bridges, after our Cannon are retreated over them, should be destroyed, with Houses, Barns, Fences, &c., which would assist them in crossing. And thus, if our cannon are well supported with Musquetry, every Inch of Ground may be disputed, with great inconveniency and loss to the Enemy.

"DANIEL JOY,
"DAV'D RITTENHOUSE,
"JOHN McNEAL.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 3rd Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

James Biddle,	Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Samuel Miles,	James Mease,
Joseph Reed,	Jno. Cadwalader,
Samuel Howell,	Robert Whyte.

Upon application of Mr. James Wallace, a Gent'n appointed by the Committee of Bucks County to receive and pay for the Salt Petre that may be made and deliver'd him in that County, by order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, for fifteen pounds, and an order on Mr. Towers, Commiss'y, for one Quarter cask of Powder, for the above said purpose.

Upon application of Mr. Antis, an order was directed to Mr. Towers to deliver him six pounds of powder, to repay that Quantity

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borrowed by him to prove canon made by himself & Mr. Potts, at Warwick Furnace.

Robert Colebrook and James O'Neill, two persons taken with Capt. Campbel, confined in Gaol by order of Congress, were this day discharged from their confinement.

Jno. Brown, the servant of Dr. Connelly, was order'd from the Gaol to the Work House, there to be kept in safe custody 'til the further orders of this Board.

In consequence of a Petition from John Hackett, late Steward on board the Dickenson, The Commodore was this day directed to discharge him from the Fleet.

Resolved, That the pay of the Captains of the Armed Boats be encreased to ten pounds ℔ month, or 26⅔ Dollars; & the Pay of the first Lieutenants be Seventeen Dollars ℔ month; that the pay of the Second Lieutenants be fourteen dollars ℔ month; to commence the first instant.

Resolved, That all ships or vessels of War, with their Boats, Guns, Tackle, Furniture, and goods on Board, that shall be taken and made prize of in the River Delaware by any of the Vessels or Armed Boats fitted, or fitting out for this Province, and be condemned as lawful Prize, shall be two-third parts thereof for the use of the Captors, and the remaining one-third part thereof to be applied by the Assembly, or Committee of Safety of this Province, for the maintenance and support of such officers, soldiers, and Seamen, as shall be maim'd or disabled in the said service, and of the widows and children of such as may be kill'd in the same, in such manner as the said Assembly or Committee shall think proper.

Resolved, That all other Ships or Vessels, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, that shall be taken by any of the Vessels or armed Boats fitted, or fitting out by this Province, and condemned as lawful prize, shall be distributed according to the Resolves of the Congress.

In Committee of Safety.

PHIDAD'A, 5th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,	James Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Sam'l Morris,
John Cadwalader,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	George Gray.

Resolved, That the officers and Soldiers of the Batteries belonging to this Province, shall be intitled to a proportionable share of all

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Prizes that shall be taken within sight of the same, or after having been engaged with such Battery.

Barnet Eichleberger, appointed by this Board as a Lieutenant in the Sixth Battalion of Continental Troops to be raised in this Province, having resigned his Commission, & the Committee of York County having Recommended Mr. John Eddy as a proper Person to be appointed in his stead,

Resolved, That the said Mr. John Eddy be appointed first Lieutenant in said Battalion, in the place of Mr. Barnet Eichleberger.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, for twenty-two Shillings and six pence, in favour of William Chew, being for Horse hire, and his trouble in delivering a Letter from this Board to Mr. Thos. Austin & others.

The petition from the Committee of Privates being read, this Board Resolved that the Matters therein prayed are reasonable and proper, and this Committee will pay a due Regard to the same.

Resolved, that the appointment of the officers to the Company of Matrosses, to be raised for the service of the United Colonies, be adjourned to the 7th instant.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 6th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	Alex'r Wilcocks,
James Biddle,	Jno. Cadwalader,
George Clymer,	George Gray,
Joseph Read,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle,	James Mease.

Resolved, That Messrs. Mease, Mr Clymer, & Mr. Howell, be a Committee to treat with Messrs. Bayard & Hodge, concerning the importation of a Number of Firelocks from foreign parts.

Upon application of Mr. Jno. Wilcocks, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of himself, Sam'l Meredith, & Rich'd Peters, j'r, for one hundred & fifty pounds, being towards the payment of Gunlocks & Files, engaged for this Province.

Mr. Thomas Austin, agreeable to a Resolve of the 31st ult'o, appeared before this Board, and examined in answer to the depositions of Josiah Hart, Marshall Edwards, Jacob Laughlin, & Casper Fetters, against him as a person inimical to the Liberties of America, and agreeable to his desire, the Board did not determine as to the Matters alledged against him, he having promised to attend on Wednesday next, which time was given him in order to his bring-

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ing evidence, should he find any to appear in his favour; and Mr. Austin promises to give Notice to the Gent'n who have already given evidence against him, should he bring any to confront them.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 7th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

OWEN BIDDLE, Chairman.

Dan'l Roberdeau,	Thos. Wharton, j'r,
George Clymer,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Samuel Howell,	James Biddle,
George Gray,	Anthony Wayne.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in favour of William Rush, for £32 5 9, being the amount of 11 Firelocks purchased by him for the use of Capt. Jones' Company, in the Battalion late Colo. Bull's.

Doct'r. Hugh Hodge having been examined by the Surgeons & Physicians appointed for that purpose, was recommended by them as a proper Person to be appointed Surgeon to a Battalion; Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Hugh Hodge be appointed Surgeon to the third Battalion of Troops to be raised in this Province for the service of the United Colonies.

Resolved, That Mr. Towers Examine into the prices of the different articles (except the repairing of arms) charged in Capt. Moulder's account, & if they are found reasonable, this Board will pay for them.

A letter was wrote to the Committee of Safety of the Province of Maryland, offering to instruct such persons as are recommended by them or any of their Committees, in the method of making Salt Petre, and order'd to be signed by the Chairman.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 8th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	Joseph Reed,
Henry Wynkoop,	George Gray,
James Biddle,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Alex'r Wilcocks.

Upon application of Colo. Joseph Penrose, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for one thousand pounds in his favour,

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being for the use of Colo. Magau's Battalion now raising for the service of the United Colonies.

Upon application of Mr. Henry Wynkoop, an order was drawn on Robert Towers, Commissary, for six pounds powder for proving Musket Barrels made in Bucks County.

Agreeable to a Resolve of Congress, this Board went into the choice of a proper Person to be appointed Captain of the Company of Matrosses to be raised in this Province for the service of the united Colonies, when they made choice of Mr. Bernard Romans; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Bernard Romans be appointed Captain of the said Company of Matrosses.

Resolved, That Thomas Hanson be appointed Quarter Master to the 2d Battalion of Troops to be raised in this Province for the service of the united Colonies.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell in favour of Colo. Anthony Wayne, for one thousand pounds, being for the use of his Batt'n in the service of the United Colonies.

Resolved, That the Brig't. Hetty, Capt. Lott, or any other vessel employed by Capt. Vanhorn for the Committee for importing Powder, Arms, &ca. from Foreign parts, be insured by this Committee against all seizures, on account of her having such articles on Board for this Committee, and in case she may be so lost, this Board will pay for her, agreeable to her valuation by three indifferent persons, to be agreed on by the owners of said Vessel and this Committee.

Agreeable to a Resolve of the 25th ult., the Gent'n therein mentioned and appointed to consider of proper places to errect suitable works for the Purpose of Working up into Gunpowder the different Materials that may be imported or be procured at home for that use, Report:

That they have receiv'd several proposals from different persons, who are willing to errect Powder Mills, and which proposals they now leave with this Board.

Resolved, That Mr. Read & Mr. Wilcocks, be a Committee to wait on Congress with the above mentioned proposals, with a Memorial from this Board, setting forth the necessity & importance of such Mills being errected, and that as all the Salt Petre now ready for use is the property of the Congress, that this Board tender Congress their assistance in promoting this business.

That Mr. Reed & Mr. Wilcocks apply to Congress & request they would repay this Board, the Fire Arms & Powder supply'd them at different times.

Mr. Reed & Mr. Wilcocks report that they deliver'd the above ment'd Mem'l to Congress, which would be immediately taken into consideration.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 9th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAMUEL HOWELL, Chairman.

George Gray,	Thomas Wharton, j'r,
Anthony Wayne,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Robert Whyte,	Joseph Reed,
Owen Biddle,	Geo. Clymer,
Daniel Roberdeau,	James Biddle.

Resolved, That John Harper by appointed Quarter Master to the 4th Battalion of Troops to be raised in this Province for the service of the United Colonies.

Resolved, That Richard Collier be appointed Quarter Master to the 5th Battalion of Troops to be raised in this Province for the service of the United Colonies.

Resolved, That Garait Stedafort be appointed Qua'r Master to the 3rd Battalion of Troops to be raised in this Province to the service of the United Colonies.

Mr. Blith, a Gent'n recommended by the Committee of Cumberland Co'y, to be instructed in the Manufacture of Salt Petre, having produced the ac't of his expence, amt'g to £3 12 6; By order of the Board, the Committee of acc'ts was desired to pay the same.

Upon application of Joseph Colier, for the payment of 50 Cartridge Boxes, Bayonets, Belts & Scabbards, delivered to the Commissioners & Assessors of Berks County, agreeable to their Certificate,

By Order of the Board, an Order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, for thirty pounds, being the amount of said Bill.

Upon application of Jacob Baldwin, for the payment of his acc't for repairing Firelocks belonging to Capt. Le Mar & Capt. Willet's Com'y, in the Bat'n late Colo. Bull's; By Order of the Board, an Order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for Eight pounds nine shillings, being the amount of his account.

Resolved, That Mr. Nixon, Mr. Wharton & Mr. Whyte, be a Committee to superintend the armed Boats, & to furnish them with what necessarys they want, and to give orders for any necessary repairs.

Agreeable to a Resolve of Congress, this Board went into the choice of a proper person to be appointed as Capt. Lieutenant to the Company of Matrosses to be raised for the service of the United Colonies, when Gibbs Jones was made choice of; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Gibbs Jones be appointed Capt. Lieutenant of the said Company, for the service of Canada.

Upon application of Andrew Caldwell, Esq'r., Commodore to the Fleet, for a sum of Money for the Recruiting service; By Order of

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the Board an Order was drawn on Mr. John M. Nesbitt, Paymaster to the fleet, for £120 for that purpose.

Resolved, That the Officers that shall be employed to recruit in the Country for the service of the Fleet, shall be allowed twenty shillings per week each for their travelling Charges, and ten shillings per man for each Man they shall inlist, in lieu of all recruiting Expences, and also ten shillings per week for the subsistance of each of their Recruits, while they continue in the Country recruiting, and until they join the Corps at the Barracks.

Resolved, That Captain Campbell shall have access to Serjeant Morrison, now confined in the Gaol of this City, at reasonable hours, to settle his private affairs; But that no other of the Prisoners confined for inimical practices shall be present.

Upon application of Capt. Richard Willing for the payment of Seventeen Firelocks purchased by him for the use of Capt. Jones' Comp'y in the Bat'n, late Colo. Bull's, By Order of the Board, an Order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for seventy-one pounds fifteen shillings, being the amount of said account.

Resolved, That Mr. James Biddle furnish John Miers, of Berks County, on account of this Committee, with one hundred pounds, taking good security for the same, which sum is lent him for the purpose of carrying on the Manufacture of Salt Petre, and to be paid in that Commodity in twelve Months.

A Le'r was wrote, & signed by the Chairman, to Benj'n Rittenhouse of Nottingham, requesting his attendance at this Board, in Order to confer with him respecting the mode & terms on which he would undertake to carry on a Manufactory of Gun Lock making in an extensive manner.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 10th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

John Cadwalader,	Samuel Howell,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.	Sam'l Morris, jun'r.
Joseph Reed,	

Upon application of Mr. Adam Zantzinger for the payment of fifteen Firelocks, purchased for the use of Capt. Jones' Company, in the Battalion late Colo. Bull's, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in favour of Mr. Zantzinger, for £52 10, being the am't of said account.

Upon application of Mr. John Maxwell Nesbitt, paymaster to the Fleet, &ca., for a sum of Money, By order of the Board, an

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order was drawn in his favour on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, for Fifteen hundred pounds.

Upon application of Mr. Patrick Rice, permission was granted him to have access to Doct'r Connolly, now confined in Gaol, in order to his settling an account with him, in the presence of Mr. Ch'r. Ludwick.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. Jno. Nixon and others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of Mr. Owen Biddle, for one hundred pounds, being towards the payment of Pikes, &ca., ordered to be made by this Board.

The following Proposals were this day deliver'd to the Committee appointed to enquire for proper places to Erect suitable Works for manufacturing of Gun powder, vizt.:

That this Committee will encourage six Powder Mills, on the following terms:

1. "To lend to each person any sum not exceeding one hundred and Fifty pounds, on giving good security to employ it in erecting a powder Mill, and either repay it in Money or work.

2. "That this Committee will supply said Mills immediately with Fifty Tons of Salt Petre, in Proportion to the Quantities of Powder they deliver ℔ week.

3. "That they will pay 8 dollars ℔ hundred for Powder Manufactured and deliver'd in this City, this Committee only finding Salt Petre & half the expence of tight Casks, the powder Makers all the other Materials, and to be at all expence of carriage.

4. "When unrefined Salt Peter is deliver'd, 10 ℔ ct. be allowed for refining, and the Return of powder be proportion'd thereto; Salt Petre to be manufactured to the best advantage, and not less than 146 pounds of good Powder being to be deliver'd for 100lbs of Salt Petre.

5. "That 100 Dollars be allowed as a premium for the first; 50 for the second; 30 for the third Powder Mills which shall deliver one Ton each of Powder.

6. "That the above Mills have the preference by this Committee, of all Powder Mills hereafter Erected, in the supply of Salt Petre and the Materials for 12 Months, they making the same into powder on equal Terms with other persons.

7. "No Powder maker engaging in this Contract to sell any powder, directly or indirectly, and to be under Oath, if required, to this purpose."

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 12th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
Robert Whyte,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Robert Morris,	Jno. Cadwalader,
Joseph Reed,	Jno. Dickinson,
George Clymer,	Jno Nixon.

Resolved, That Matthew Whitlow be appointed First Lieutenant to the Company of Matrosses, directed by the Congress to be raised in this Province for the service of Canada.

A letter from the president of the Congress, requesting that the Battalions of this City would furnish a Number of Men equal to one Battalion, in order to be detached to New York, was read and taken into Consideration; Therefore,

Resolved, That this Committee request the Field Officers of the several Battalions in this City, to meet as soon as they conveniently can, to fix on Officers to go upon that service, and to take the proper steps to carry the above request into execution.

That the Riffle Battalion be requested to furnish one Company, to be added to the Battalion to be detached.

Resolved, that Mr. Dickinson be directed to apply to the Hon'ble Congress to replace the whole number of Arms that this Board has supplied them with.

"In Committee of Safety,

Philad'a, 13th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman,

Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Samuel Miles,	George Gray,
Alex'd. Wilcocks,	John Montgomery.
Samuel Morris, jun'r.	

Upon application of John Willis for the payment of his account for repairing firelocks for Capt. Harmar's Comp'y of the Batt'n late Colo. Bull's, an order was drawn on Messrs Mease & Caldwell, for £21 17 9, being the amount of his account.

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Upon application of Lewis Grant for a quantity of Brass for making furniture for Firelocks engaged by Capt. Wilcocks & others, By order of the Board an order was drawn on Robert Towers, Com'ry, for two hundred pounds of Brass.

Resolved, That Joseph Fox, Esq'r, advance to Messrs. Gouger, Dunwick & Kinder, three Men employed by him in making Fire arms for the use of this province, Fifty pounds each, for which they are to deliver thirty five stand of arms without receiving any payment, and Mr. Fox is desired to take their seperate obligations.

Colo. Dickinson deliver'd at this Board the following Resolve of Congress:

"In Congress, Feb'ry 12, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That fifty tons of Salt petre be delivered by the Secret Committee to the Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania, who are requested to have the same manufactured into Gun powder in the cheapest and most expeditious manner, and that this Congress will Confirm any Contracts made for the above purpose.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"Signed, CHA'S. THOMSON, Sec'y."

In Committee of Safety.

"PHILAD'A, 14th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman,

Robert Whyte,	Owen Biddle,
Sam'l Howell,	Anthony Wayne,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Samuel Miles,
Jno. Montgomery,	George Gray.
George Taylor.	

Upon application of Capt. Cowperthwaite, for this Board to supply his Company with a sufficient number of Cartridges & Canteens, By order of the Board, Mr. Towers was directed to supply the above Articles, taking a Receipt for the same on the Continental service, he being to go to New York with the battalion under the Command of Colo. Dickinson, agreeable to a Requisition of Congress.

Resolved, That Doct'r Samuel Kennedy be appointed Surgeon to the 4th Battalion of Penn'a Troops in the service of the united Colonies.

Resolved, That William Moulder be appointed Second Lieu't in the 4th Battalion of Pennsylvania Troops in the Service of the United Colonies, in the room of Thomas Holland, who has resign'd, having been appointed in another County.

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Upon application of Joseph Fox, Esq'r., one of the Com'rs of this Co'y, for a Sum of Money for the payment of Firelocks, &c.,

By order of the Board an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r., Treasurer, for five hundred pound, in his favour, for the above purpose.

Upon application of Francis Wade for a Sum of Money, an order was drawn in his favour on John Nixon & others, the Committee of Accounts, for £300, being towards the payment of Provisions Supplyed the Boats & Artillery Comp'y.

Thomas Austin having appeared before this Board agreeable to promise, and having nothing further to offer in defence of the charges alledged against him, as a person inimical to the liberties of America, he sign'd the following declaration, which is ordered by the Board to be published in the Public papers, vizt:

"In Committee of Safety.

"PHILAD'A, 14th Feb'y, 1776.

"As the Committee of Safety for this Province have adjudged my late conduct to be inimical to the cause of American Freedom, I am sincerely sorry that I have given any displeasure to my Countrymen, and do solemnly declare, that I never intended, by anything I have said or done, to obstruct the measures carried on for the maintaining the Liberty of these Colonies. I do further, in the like solemn manner, declare and promise, that I will not, for the future, throw any Reflections on the public measures aforesaid, or the advisers or promoters of them, nor in any manner whatever, endeavour to obstruct or discredit such measures.

"I do also, Resign my seat as a member of the Committee of Inspection & Observation for this County.

"Sign'd, THOMAS AUSTIN."

The following Resolve of Congress was this day delivered to this Committee:

"In Congress, 13th Feb'y, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania, in case the Barracks near Philadelphia cannot contain the Troops raised in Pennsylvania that may want quarters, to have the remainder placed in the Pest House and old Gaol of this City.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y.'

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 15th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun'r, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert Whyte,
George Taylor,	Samuel Miles,
John Nixon,	Samuel Howell.

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commiss'y, deliver to Colo. Jno. Dickinson, or his order, for the use of the Batt'n of Associators going for New York, what provincial arms & accoutrements he may have, & that the Colo. may want, and also, such ammunition that he may want, belonging to the Continent, taking a Receipt for the same.

Resolved, That Capt. Robert Whyte & John Nixon be directed to apply to Simon Shurlock, and in their name to request him to finish the Ship now building for this Province, with the greatest expedition, and to employ an additional number of Men for that purpose.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, when the following Members were

PRESENT:

Thomas Wharton, jr.,	Geo. Clymer,
George Gray,	Benj'n Bartholomew,
Robert Whyte,	Samuel Hunter,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Samuel Howell,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Sam'l Miles.
Owen Biddle,	

This Board taking into their consideration the Report from the Committee of observation & Inspection for the City & Liberties of Phila., respecting the conviction of John Drinker, Thomas Fisher and Samuel Fisher, of the House of Joshua Fisher & Sons, for refusing the Continental Bills of Credit, being fully convinced of the fatal Consequences which must ensue on a Check given to the Circulation of our paper Currency, the refusal of which is an Offence which strikes against the existence of our present struggle for life and Liberty, and considering that the latter part of the Resolution of Congress, which directs that such persons who are convicted as above mention'd shall be "treated as Enemies of their Country and precluded from all Trade or Intercourse with the Inhabitants of these Colonies;" remains yet unexecuted upon these persons, And as the powers & authority of the Committee of Observation and Inspection to execute the Resolve of Congress, have expired with the time for which they were elected to serve as a Committee; After due Consideration, the following Resolution was unanimously agreed to:

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That this Committee go to the Houses and Stores of John Drinker, Hatter, & Joshua Fisher & Sons; That they shall respectively cause all the—— Books and papers of the said John Drinker, and such as belong to the said Thomas Fisher & Sam'l Fisher, seperately and Jointly with Joshua Fisher, to be deposited in Trunks, Chests or Desks; that the same shall then be locked and sealed and suffered to remain in some of their Stores, and then they shall cause all the Doors & Windows of their Stores and warehouses containing their goods, wares & Merchandize to be locked and Keyed, and the same to be fastened upon the out side by a wooden Bar being nailed a cross them.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 16th Feb'ry, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman,

Robert Whyte,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	Jno. Montgomery,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Alex'r Wilcocks.

Upon application of Mr. Owen Biddle, one of the Managers of the provincial Salt Petre Works, for the payment of 406¾ lbs Salt Petre manufactured there and receiv'd by Robert Towers, Commissary, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Mr. Biddle, for £101 13 9, being the amount of the Salt Petre at the rate of 5s ℔ lb.

Upon application of the Commissioners & Assess'rs of York county, for a sum of Money towards the payment of Firelocks making in that County for the use of this Province, By Order of the Board, an Order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Colo. Thomas Hartly, for three hundred pounds for the use aforesaid.

Resolved, that the Reverend William Linn be appointed Chaplain to the 5 & 6th Battalion of Pennsylvania Troops in the service of the United Colonies.

Upon application of Samuel Holme for the payment of his account for Bayonets, Scabbards, &c., for the use of the Captains Jones, LeMarrs and Harmar, Companies in the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion, in the service of the United Colonies, an Order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for £28 10 6, in his favour, being the amount of said account.

Upon application of Colo. William Irwine, of the 6th Batt'n, of Pennsylv'a Troops, in the service of the United Colonies, for a sum of Money for the use of said Battalion,

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for three thousand pounds, for the use aforesaid.

Adjourned to five O'Clock.

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Members present.

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	George Clymer,
Thomas Wharton, j'r.,	Owen Biddle.
Samuel Miles,	

In Consequence of the Resolution of Yesterday, Colo. Roberdeau, Mr. Wilcocks and Mr. Clymer, went to the House of Thomas and Samuel Fisher, and demanded their Books of accounts, in Order to be locked up in one of their Stores; which they refused to deliver up, or to declare where they were deposited, construing either to be an active part in them, which they could not in conscience take, but would peaceably submit to the Execution of any Resolutions that should be taken respecting them.

Resolved, That Hugh Montgomery, at present first Lieut. to the Armed Boat Congress, be appointed Captain to the Armed Boat Effingham.

That Thomas Houston, at present first Lieutenant to the armed Boat Franklin, be appointed Captain to the armed Boat Experiment.

That Isaac Rotche, at present second Lieut. to the armed Boat Hancock, be appointed first Lieut. to the armed Boat Franklin.

That John Christie, at present second Lieut. to the armed Boat Dickinson, be appointed first Lieut. to the Armed Boat Chatham.

That Michell, at present second Lieut. to the armed Boat Chatham, be appointed first Lieutenant to the armed Boat Ranger.

That Francis Gilbert, at present Second Lieut. to the armed Boat Washington, be appointed first Lieutenant to the said armed Boat.

That Robert Hume, at present second Lieut. to the armed Boat Ranger, be appointed first Lieutenant to the said armed Boat.

That William Brown, be appointed Captain of Marines on Board the Provincial Ship now building.

Resolved, that under the authority given by Congress, this Board immediately proceed to errect on account of the Congress, a Powder Mill on a large stream, capable of manufacturing as nearly as posssible, four Tons of Gunpowder per week.

That the Committee will Contract with a number of persons, not exceeding four, to errect powder Mills, engaging to supply them with eight Tons of Salt Petre each, the profits of manufacturing which, to be Consider'd as a full compensation for the Expence and Risque of such undertaking; but if the Committee should not be able to comply with their part of the Engagement, then that they will immediately indemnify by Money the said persons in like

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Manner as shall be adjudged by three indifferent Persons, to be chosen by the parties to the Contract, they having particular regard to the expence of the undertaking.

Resolved, That Mr. Clement Biddle be appointed to look out for, and without loss of time, fix on a suitable situation for the said Mill; to Contract with the Owners for the priviledge of erecting it, and to superintend the building; and also, to contract with Persons for erecting Mills on their accounts, on the terms before mentioned.

Resolved, That the Captains of the Provincial armed Boats be desired to meet together, and inquire into the Merits of such Persons who have applied to be appointed 2nd Lieutenants in the said Boats, and such others as may be properly qualified for that station, that would be willing to engage in that service; and to Report to this Board the Names of thirteen of them, who may be most deserving, in the Opinion of a Majority of the said Captains

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 20th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

John Nixon,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,
George Clymer,	Daniel Roberdeau,
James Biddle,	Owen Biddle,
Samuel Howell,	Alex'r Wilcocks.
Thos. Wharton, Jun'r,	

By order of the Board, an order was directed to Doct'r Bass to deliver to Doct'r Rush what Medecines he may want out of the quantity purchased of him by this Board.

Upon application of Joseph Moulder for the payment of his Bill for Cartridge Boxes, Gunners, Cartouches, &ca., for the use of his artillery Company,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, for Fifty pounds 5 9, being the amount of said Bill.

Resolved, That Mr. Sam'l Morris, jun'r, waite on Mr. Wm. Richards, Capt. Falconer, & Capt. Reed, and inform them they are (with any other person they may fix on) appointed a Committee to fix proper signals in the River and Bay of Delaware, to give the most speedy intelligence of any Enemy Ships that may arrive at or within the Capes of Delaware.

That the said Committee appoint James Maul with his Boat, to such station as they may think will best answer the purpose of Intelligence.

Resolved, That Commodore Caldwell immediately call together all the officers of the Provincial Armed Boats, fully consult them,

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& make such arrangement of officers to the different Boats most agreeable to each other, and to the service in general, and to make a report to this Board of said arrangement, as also of what repairs &ca, are wanting to the respective Boats.

Resolved, That Mr. Nixon, Mr. Owen Biddle & Mr. Roberdeau, employ Wm. Robinson & Benj'n Worrel, as Master Workmen, to erect Barracks on Liberty Island for five hundred Men, agreeable to a plot to be delivered them, who are to employ a sufficient number of Carpenters under them to effect the said work in as short a time as possible.

Mr. James Biddle Reports, that agreeable to a Resolve of the 9th inst., he has paid to Mr. John Mears, of Berks County, one hundred pounds, to enable him to Carry on the Manufacture of Salt Petre, and now request the payment of said sum agreeable, to which Request, by order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. John Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of Mr. Biddle for the said sum of £100.

Resolved, That Jacob Myers be appointed Armourer to the armed Boats and Vessels, and to be employed at Fort Island.

Adjourned to 6 O'Clock.

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Agreeable to adjournment, the following Members were

PRESENT:

John Nixon,	Benja Bartholomew,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Jno. Montgomery,
Samuel Miles,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	Alex'r Wilcocks,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
Samuel Hunter,	James Biddle,
George Gray,	George Clymer.
George Taylor,	

A Letter was this day wrote the president of the Honorable the Continental Congress, respecting the removal of the prisoners from Lancaster into different parts of the Country, which was read, approved of, and sign'd by the president.

In Consequence of an application from Colo. Magau, for the use of the Pest House on Province Island for the quartering a part of his Battalion,

Resolved, That Colo. Magau have liberty to make use of the Pest House, agreeable to his application.

The Committee taking into consideration what further Measures are necessary for the defence of this Province, came to the following Resolution:

That application be made to the Honorable the House of Representatives, praying that they will take order for the raising of Two Thousand Men to act in the defence of this Province, and this Board

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will represent it as their opinion, that it will be most for the public Service, That one Battalion of Regular Troops be formed out of that Number, and the remainder be a Body of Rifle Men.

In Committee of Safety, 21st, Feb'y.

PRESENT:

George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
Daniel Roberdeau,	James Biddle.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILA'D. 22nd Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

ALEX'R WILCOCKS, Chairman.

James Biddle,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
George Clymer,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	John Nixon.

Upon application of John Reithmeyer, for the payment of 150 Cartridge Boxes, &ca., made by him, John Diesler & Peter Brecht, as ℔ their acc't, certified by Sam'l High & Michael Bright, Commissioners of Berks County,

By order of the Board an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favor of said Reithmeyer, for ninety pounds, being the amount of said account.

Resolved, That the Members of this Board meet every day precisely at 10 O'Clock in the Morning, and 5 O'Clock in the afternoon, Saturday afternoons & Sundays excepted.

Upon application of Jno. Tyler for the payment of his account for repairing Firelocks belonging to Capt. Jones & Capt. Harmer's Comp'y, of the 1st Penn'a Battalion; an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for £7 15 3, being the amount of said accounts.

Resolved, That Lewis Nichola apply to the Commissioners of this County for the Key of the Old Gaol.

Resolved, That Capt. Joseph Coperthwaite be joined with Clement Biddle, to carry the building of Powder Mills into execution, & they to purchase or rent suitable seats for that purpose, and do every other thing necessary for effecting it expeditiously.

The following Memorial was drawn up, approved of, and Colo. Roberdeau desired to deliver it to one of the Members of the House of Assembly:

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To the Honorable the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met.

"The Memorial of the Committee of Safety:

"The Committee have, ever since their appointment, applied themselves with the greatest Zeal and Fidelity to the important trust confided to them, in providing Means for the defence of this Province; they were, however, such means only as were thought more immediately requisite for our security against the attempts made by a Naval armament, and were besides, necessarily confin'd within the Limits of the Funds alloted to them by your Honorable House, but they beg leave to represent, that as every day brings with it fresh proofs of the Violence of the British Ministry, and of their fixed purposes to subdue the free Spirit of America, that has yet given much Obstruction to all their Schemes of Tyranny and Despotism, a purpose assisted too by an obsequious Parliament, which may not speak the Genuine Sense of the Nation, that it was unhappily the direction of its Force, it truly becomes us to prepare seriously for the Storm gathering over the Colonies, and which in the uncertainty of its course, may in a few weeks fall upon this Province; this being the Idea of the Committee, they have come to the following Resolution claiming the most earnest attention of of your Honorable House thereto:

"*Resolved*, That application be made to the Honorable the House of Representatives, praying that they will take order for raising two thousand Men to act in the defence of this Province, and this Board will represent it as their opinion, that it will be most for the Public Service, that one Battalion of Regular Troops be formed out of that number, and the remainder be a body of Rifle Men.

"The Committee beg leave to solicit your attention to another Object, also of extensive importance, the Military association, the general sentiments concerning which, they have in the recess of Assembly had an opportunity of collecting, and tho' such numbers already have, and we hope will still engage in it, under its present form, as may prove a considerable addition to our Strength, yet as there are material objections made to it, and as they understand, are to be laid before your Honorable House by divers Bodies of respectable Men, they Submit to you whether it will not be highly expedient and consistent with good policy, immediately to remove every cause of discontent on this Head from the minds of the associators, who, under an apprehension of partial and unequal Burthens imposed on them, have nevertheless had the Virtue not to refuse their services to their Country. In confidence that your Honorable House will reconsider the several Provisions and Regulations complained of, and give them satisfaction therein,

"Sign'd, ALEX'R WILCOCKS, Chairman."

Resolved, That this Committee lend Doct'r Robert Harris the sum of one hundred & ten pounds, which he is to give bond for to Jno. Nixon, James Mease, & Thomas Wharton, Jun'r, payable in

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12 Months, which sum is to assist him in forwarding the building of a Powder Mill, and the manufacturing of Gun Powder.

In Consequence of the above Resolve, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., in favour of said Harris, for one hundred aad ten pounds.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 23rd Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	Owen Biddle,
Samuel Howell,	George Clymer,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	James Biddle.

Upon application of Capt. Whyte for 45 pieces of Sail cloth, to make sails for the ship now building, By Order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver the following numbers, or as many of them as he has in his possession, Vizt.:

5	pieces No.	1
5	do.	2
4	do.	3
11	do.	4 or 5
6	do.	6
14	do.	7.

Resolved, That the sum of £50 be lent to Henry Huber, and £150 be lent to Thomas Heinburgher, to enable them to erect powder Mills, they having given Bonds with security, for the same, to the Committee of accounts, and that orders be drawn for the said several sums in favour of the said Huber & Heinbergher, respectively.

Agreeable to the above Resolve, the orders therein mention'd were drawn, and deliver'd to Mr. Christopher Ludwick.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle & Capt. Robert Whyte, be a Committee to go to the Barracks, and Muster the Men belonging to the Armed Boats in the Service of this Province, and make Return of the same to this Board.

Upon application of Peter Dehaven for 100 lbs. Brass, for the use of Mr. Parker, for mounting Firelocks made by Lewis Prahl—By Order of the Board, Rob't Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver the said 100 lbs. Brass.

Resolved, That the following Notice be published in the different papers of this City, Viz't:

"A Muster Master is wanted to the Naval Armament belonging to this Province; any Associator disposed to serve the publick in

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this Office, is desired to make proposals to this Board, on or before the 5th day of March next."

In Committee of Safely.

PHILAD'A, 24th Feb'ry, 1776.

PRESENT:

Robert Morris,	George Clymer,
John Nixon,	Samuel Howell,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
Joseph Reed,	Alex'r Wilcocks.

Resolved, That Capt. Procter make use of Seven Rooms in the Pest House on Province Island, for quartering part of the Artillery Company.

That there be Six 18 pound Gun Carriages made for the use of the Battery at Fort Island, and that Mr. Nevil be employed in making one of the said Carriages, and furnish this Board with an account of the same.

That Capt. Procter have the use of as many Firelocks as he may have occasion for, and a 6 pound Canon to exercise the Men under his Command, and that Robert Towers be directed to deliver the same.

That Commodore Caldwell & Capt. Procter fix upon proper Signals for the Fleet, Merchantmen & Battery, and that the same be communicated to the Pilots employed in Navigating Vessels through the Chevaux de Frize.

That Capt. Proctor procure a Flagg Staff for the Fort, with a Flagg of the United Colonies.

That Robert Towers put up 50 Rounds of Cartridge, with different kinds of Shot, for each of the six 18 pound Canon on the Battery at Fort Island.

That Mr. Owen Biddle & Capt. Whyte, order a Smith's Shop and Forge to be erected on Fort Island, and to furnish the same with proper Smith's tools.

That the said Committee see that the necessaries wanting at Fort Island for the use of the Battery, and for Capt. Procter's Company, not mention'd in the above Resolves, be supplied.

Resolved, That Jeremiah Simmons, now a Lieut. on board one of the armed Boats, be appointed 1st Lieutenant in Capt. Procter's Company of Artillery.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 26th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
Barnard Dougherty,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Owen Biddle.
George Clymer,	

Resolved, That Mr. Nixon & Mr. Whyte employ as many Ship Carpenters as they may think proper, to work on Board the Provincial Ship now building by Simon Sherlock, in order that the building of her may be forwarded in the most expeditious manner.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle write to Mr. Benj'n Rittenhouse and desire that he will remove to this City as soon as possible, and that he send a man express with said Letter, informing him this Board accept his proposals, & that they allow him £250 ℔ annum for Carrying on the Gunlock Manufactory, on account of this Board.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 27th Feb'ry, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

James Biddle.	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.

The following Resolve of Assembly was sent to this Committee the 17th inst., and order'd this day to be inserted in the Minutes of this Board:

"Upon Motion, Respecting the Utility & Expediency of immediately erecting a Powder Mill for the use & on account of this Province, and requesting the sentiments of the House on this Measure, the said Motion was taken into consideration, and after some Debate thereon,

"*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the erecting such Powder Mill is a Necessary and proper Measure, and that the same ought to be immediately carried into execution, under the direction of the Committee of Safety, upon the best terms that can be had as to the place, Materials & persons to be employed in such undertaking.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"CHA'S MOORE, Cl'k of Assembly."

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Resolved, That this Board will carry the above Resolve of Assembly into execution.

Robert Towers, Commissary, Reports:—

That he receiv'd as ℘ Certificate of 13th Feb'ry, from Goucher, Kinder & Dunwick, 35 Firelocks compleat, which were made by them.

That he rec'd 20 Wheel Barrows from Mr. Owen Biddle.

11 Cutlasses rec'd from Sam'l Morris & deliver'd to the Chatham & Ranger Armed Boats.

15 oz Salt Petre, rec'd from Tho's Brooks, which cost 4s 10.

28 lbs Lead, rec'd from James Chapman; cost 10s.

4½ lbs Salt Petre, for which he deliver'd 17 oz. Powder, and paid 16s 10½ cash.

1 Cutlass, rec'd from Hugh Hodeman; cost 5s.

50 tons Salt Petre, receiv'd from Congress, that he deliver'd to Capt. Whyte, agreeable to orders.

45 pieces of Sail Cloth, that he deliver'd to prove 5 Swivels.

2¾lbs Powder, and 5 shot.

That he made up for Congress 7308 Cartridges, the expence of which is to be charged them by this Board, at the rate of 5s 1½ per hundred, which amounts to £18 14 6;

That he has receiv'd from Andrew Caldwell,

20 half barrels,	Gunpowder, w't 2000 lbs, Dutch.
40 q'r Barrels,	9 P'cks, 2180 lbs., English.

1 lb Salt petre, receiv'd from W'm Oliver, Cost 5s.

That he deliver'd, byorder of Capt. Whyte, to prove, 16 Swivels of Busteads.

8 lb powder,
16 Swivels Balls.

That he has rec'd,

4465 Eight oz. Swivel Balls.	Rec'd from Doct'r Cox.
4 32 pdr. Cross Barr'd,	
16 24 do. do.,	
36 18 do. do.,	
26 lbs. Salt Petre,	from City Manufactury.
40½ lbs. do.,	from ditto.
1 pair Pistols,	Mr. Maclanajan, cost 35s.
2¼ lb. Salt Petre,	from Nathan Gibson.
50 Hand Barrows,	from Owen Biddle.
25 do.,	from Benj. Williamson.
24 Cutlasses,	from Andrew Hodge.
61¼ lbs. Salt Petre,	from City Manufactury.
25 Grubing Hoes,	from Benja. Poultney.
52 Axes,	
150 Pick Axes,	
175 Shovels,	
2 q'rs, 19 lbs. Lead,	from Joseph Simpson, Cost 26s 8.
3 firelocks,	from Capt. Clymer.

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That he has Delivered,

6 lb. powder,	to Henry Wynkoop.
7 oz. do., (in lieu of Saltpetre,)	to Nathan Gibson.
2 oz. Salt Petre,	to Capt. Alexander.
200 lbs. Brass,	to Lewis Grant.

2 lbs. powder, to prove two four pou'd Guns.

The following Letter was this day sent to the Committee of Inspection and Observation of this City, & sign'd by the Chairman:

"This Board have taken into Consideration the publication of your Committee handed to us, respecting Thomas Rogers & Joseph Sermon, who are convicted of refusing to receive the Continental Bills of Credit, and are of Opinion, that whatever is further necessary for the carrying into full execution the Resolve of Congress against such offences, should proceed from the Committees of Inspection and Observation. The Reason of the interposition of this Board in the Case of John Drinker, and Thomas & Sam'l Fisher, is set forth in the resolution accompanying this, and would have been unnecessary, but in the particular Circumstances of a Dissolution of your Board.

Resolved, that the Commissary be directed to prove the Firelocks of all such Associators as shall bring an order from their respective Captains to him for that purpose.

It appearing to this Board that the Business of Commissary of Stores has been attended with more labour and fatigue than was at first expected; therefore

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, be allowed at the rate of one hundred & Eighty-two pounds ten shillings ℔ annum, for his services, from the time he undertook that Office of Commiss'y of Military Stores, until the further Resolution of this Board.

Upon application of Benja. Town for some Brass for making the mounting to Firelocks now making for the use of this Province, by Nicholson & Dunwick, By order of the Board, Robt. Towers, Commiss'y, was directed to deliver said Town 200 lbs. of Brass, taking his receipt to be accountable for the same.

Upon application of Messrs. Clt. Biddle & Jos. Cowperthwaite, for a sum of Money for the payment of a tract of Land & a Mill seat purchased by them for account of Congress, and for erecting a powder Mill, &c. on the same, for account of Congress; By Order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. John Nixon & others, the Committee of Accounts of this Board, for £1500, which is to be charged to account of Congress.

Capt. Henry Alles, of Colo. Shee's Battalion, having by Letter to this Board resign'd his Commission,

Resolved, That Mr. Isaac Melcher be appointed Captain to said Company, in the Room of Capt. Alles.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 28th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Danl. Roberdeau.	George Clymer,
James Mease,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,
Sam'l Howell,	James Biddle.
Owen Biddle,	

Resolved, That David Rittenhouse & Mr. Owen Biddle be requested to go with Capt. Cowperthwaite & Mr. Clem't Biddle to the place purchased by the latter Gent'n, on which it is intended to erect a powder Mill on account of Congress, and that they Survey and View the Seat on which said Mill is to be erected.

Stephen Horn & Adam Mewdy having come from Northampton Co'y, in order to be instructed in the Manufactory of Salt petre, & having produced an account of their expences, By order of the Board, the Committee of accounts was directed to pay the same, amounting to £8 1 5, say Eight pounds One Shilling & five pence.

WHEREAS, Many persons have been employed in purchasing Fire arms, in order to carry them into other Provinces; and as a Practice of this kind may be of pernicious consequence, unless they are intended to be employed in such places as from their situation are most exposed to the Danger of an Attack, of which this Committee, in this Case, reserve to themselves a right of Judging; Therefore,

Resolved, That no Person or Persons whatever do presume to purchase or Carry out of this province any Fire Arms without application to and Licence from this Committee being first obtained.

Upon Application of Jn'o Lewis for the payment of his account for Bayonets & Repairs to Firelocks, belonging to Cap't Le Mars' Company of 1st Penn'a Bat'n, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for the same, amounting to £5 17.

Upon application of Mr. Afflick for some Brass for making of mountings to firelocks agreed for by Cap't Wilcocks and others,

Robert Towers was directed to deliver him 100 lbs. of Brass, taking his Receipt to be accountable for the same.

Upon application of Co'l John Shea for a sum of Money for the use of his Battalion in the service of the United Colonies, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for five hundred pounds, in favour of Colo. Shea, for the use aforesaid.

Resolved, that the Captains of the Armed Boats be directed to see that their respective Crews are properly Cloathed, and apply to Mr. Jn. Nesbitt, Paymaster, for such necessary apparel as shall be

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wanted for that purpose; and that the amount of what shall be furnished to each person shall be stopt out of his pay, in such manner that not more than half the pay be stopt at a time.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 29th Feb'y, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,
Samuel Howell,	George Clymer,
Owen Biddle,	James Biddle.

Upon application of Plunket Fleeson for the payment of Drums, &c. for the use of Capt. Dorsey's Comp'y of the 1st Penn'a Bat'n, and for Drums, &ca., for Colo. William Irvine's Battalion, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for £24, in favour of said Fleeson, being the amount of said accounts

Resolved, that Mr. James Biddle, Mr. Clymer, & Mr. Owen Biddle, be a Committee to carry into execution every thing necessary towards compleating the Fortifications on Fort Island, Barracks excepted, and to employ suitable persons to accomplish the same.

Resolved, Mr. William Dement be appointed Adjutant to the Fifth Battalion of Pennsylvania Troops, in the service of the United Colonies.

Resolved, That James Armstrong be appointed Quarter Master to the 2nd Battalion of Pennsylvania Troops, in the service of the United Colonies, in the Room of Thomas Hanson, who is found incapable of acting in that station.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, March 1st, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	John Montgomery,
Henry Wyncoop,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	James Biddle.
Daniel Roberdeau,	

Upon application of John Nixon for a sum of Money for the Committee of accounts, By order of the Board, an order was

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drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of John Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, for ten thousand pounds.

Resolved, that Mr. Govett purchase for the use of this Committee, the following Military Books. Vizt.:

Sim's Military Guide.
Robins' Treatise of Gunnery.
La Petit Guere.

The time of the present Contractor for Supplying the men on board the Armed Boats with provisions, being nearly expired,

Order'd, That the following advertisement be published in the papers of this City:

"In Committee of Safety.

"All persons who are willing to supply the Officers & Men employ'd in the Naval Armament & Artillery of this Province with the following Rations, Vizt:

"For each Man per Week, Seven pounds of Bread, or Six pounds of flour, one-fourth at least, to be in flour if required; ten pounds of Beef, Mutton, or Pork; the Value of Six pence in Roots & Vegetables; a Sufficient proportion of Salt & Vinegar; three pints and an half of Rum, or Beer in proportion; are desired to send in their proposals to this Committee, on or before the 8th day of March instant; the Contract to commence on the 11th inst., and continue in force for three Months, if the Men are not sooner discharged."

Mr. Nixon Reports, that the Bill sent Colo. Mifflin the 30th November last, is Returned, the Colo. having had an interview with Major Small, who inform'd the Bill could not be paid, as Mr. Franks of this City, had directions to furnish the Officers taken prisoners with Money; therefore, Mr. Nixon is desired to return the Bill to Mr. Symes.

Morgan Bustead not having performed any part of his Contract with respect to his engagements with this Board for the Casting of Canon,

Upon motion,

Order'd, That his written agreement be put into the hands of a Lawyer, in order to his being prosecuted for damages.

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In Committee of Safety, 2nd March, 1776.

PRESENT:

BARNARD DOUGHERTY, Char'n.

Daniel Roberdeau,
James Biddle,
George Clymer,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Samuel Howell,
Samuel Miles,
Owen Biddle.

Resolved, That the Sum of £150 be lent to Jacob Lorch, to enable him to erect a powder Mill, he having given Bond with Security, for the same, to the Committee of accounts.

Agreeable to the above Resolve, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favor of said Lorch, for £150.

Resolved, That John Brice be appointed first Lieutenant to the Armed Boat Warren.

The Committee of Correspondence of Bedford County having drawn an order on this Board for the payment of 161 lbs. powder, & 118 lbs. Lead, purchased by them,

Resolved, That an order be drawn on Mr. John Nixon, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Miles & Wister, for £40 3 3, the amount of said Powder & Lead, and that the same be taken proper care of by the Committee of Correspondence of said County 'til the further orders of this Board.

Resolved, That this Board lend 100 Firelocks to Colo. Shea, to exercise his Men. In case any of them should be damag'd, the Colo. is to have them repair'd at his own cost, and to deliver them to the order of this Board on demand; agreeable to which Resolve, an order was sent to Mr. Towers to deliver the said Firelocks.

Abel Morris having Resign'd his Commission as Ensign in the 2nd Battalion of Pennsylvania Troops in the Service of the united Colonies,

Resolved, That George Ross be appointed Ensign in said Battalion, in the place of said Able Morris.

Resolved, That Mr. David Rittenhouse, the Engineer to this Board, be desired to make Experiments in rifling Canon & Musket Balls, at the expence of this Board, and to this end that he be allowed to employ any person or persons under him for that purpose, and that Robert Towers, Commissary, shall deliver to the order of Mr. Rittenhouse sufficient ammunition for that purpose.

Matthias Keely having engaged with Colo. Miles to make 100 Firelocks, for the use of this Province, and having deliver'd 31 Firelocks to Mr. Towers; By order of the Board an order was drawn on Messrs. John Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in his favour, for seventy-five pounds, towards the payment of said firelocks.

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Resolved, That Colo. Hockley be desired to use all the Muskets made by Matthias Keely & Comp'y, by order of this Board, proved with a weight of powder equal to the weight of the Ball, and cause the Muskets so proved to be stamp'd with the Letters P. P.

By order of the Board Robert Towers, Commiss'y, was directed to deliver Matthias Keely as much powder as will prove one hundred Firelocks, making by him for the use of this Province.

This day the Congress sent the following Resolve to this Committee:

"In Congress, 26th Feb'ry, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania, agreeable to the offer made by them of their service, of which the Congress have a proper sense, be authorized to distribute the officers, prisoners in Lancaster, in such places within the province of Pennsylvania as to that Committee shall seem most proper, taking their parole, which if they refuse to give, the said Committee are empowered and directed to confine them, and that in executing this Resolve, the said Committee have a regard to the Resolutions heretofore made by the Congress with respect to prisoners & their Residence. Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y."

"In Committee of Safety.

"PHILAD'A, 4th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE ROSS, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Daniel Roberdeau,
James Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
Owen Biddle,	Barnard Dougherty,
Samuel Howell,	Michael Swoope,
John Nixon,	Robert Whyte.
George Gray,	

Upon application of the Commisssioners of Northampton County for a sum of Money for the payment of Firelocks, &ca., making in that County for the use of this Province; By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of Peter Kacheline, Esq'r, for three hundred pounds, for the use aforesaid.

Upon application of Oswell Eve, for the payment of his acc't of Powder, deliver'd to Mr. Towers, Commissary; By order of the Board an order was drawn on Mr. Jno. Nixon & others, The Committee of accounts for £79 12 6, being the amount of the same.

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Upon application of Jacob Baldwin & Thomas Palmer for the payment of their accounts for repairing Firelocks belonging to Capt. Le Marr & Capt. Jenkins' Company in the 1st Batt'n of Penn'a Troops in the service of the United Colonies; By order of the Board, two orders were drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, one in favour of Jacob Baldwin for £4 12, the other in favour of Thomas Palmer for £25 19 3.

Upon application of Colo. Slough for the payment of George Eberly's account for subsisting John Brooks in the Gaol of Lancaster County, confined there by order of this Board; an Order was drawn on Mr. John Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, for £8, being the amount of said account, & in favour of said Slough, which sum is directed to be charged to the Continental Congress.

Lieu't Thompson & Webb appear'd before the Committee and gave information that a certain Henry Yelverton Price had frequented the places of Rendevous of the Crews belonging to the armed Boats, that by words he endeavour'd to discourage the service, That he had declared himself a Tory, & inimical to the American cause; That he Damned the Congress and wished that the waggons carrying Powder for the Continental Service were blown up; and the said Henry Yelverton Price appearing before the Committee and having the said Charge made known to him, did not deny the same.

Resolved, That it would be unsafe to permit the said Henry Yelverton Price to go at large; therefore,

Resolved, That he be Committed to the Gaol of the City and County of Philad'a; agreeable thereto, Thomas Dewees, Gaoler of this County, was commanded to receive him into his Custody, and to keep him safely confined 'til he is discharged by this Board.

Upon Motion, the following order was drawn and signed by the Chairman:

"In Committee of Safety, 4th March, 1776.

"Gent'n:

"Please to deliver to Peter DeHaven any number of Gunlocks he may find necessary for the use of Lewis Prahl, Gunsmith, Mr. De Haven to be answerable for the same, and to deduct the price of the Locks out of the moneys that may become due to the said Lewis for his work.

"By Order of the Committee,
"Sign'd, GEO. ROSS, Chairman.

"To Major Meredith, Capt. Wilcocks & Capt. Peters."

Upon application of Robert Towers for the payment of 8 Firelocks purchased by him for the use of this Province, & for the payment of his Bill for sundry Expenditures on acc't of this Board, By order of the Board, two orders were drawn in his favour on Mr.

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John Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, one for £24 1, the other for £13 9 8, being the amount of said two accounts.

Robert Towers, Commissary, makes the following Report; That he deliver'd to Sam'l Parker ℘ order of this Board, 100 lbs Brass. That he deliver'd to Capt. Procter

169 Canon Cartridges,
73 firelocks,
1 four pound Canon,
1 Carriage & Limber,
1 Traile Ropes,
1 Rammer & Sponge,
1 Wad Hook & Ladel.

That he deliver'd in Exchange of 1½ lbs Salt Peter, 6 oz. Gunpowder, & 5 7½ in Cash.

That he deliver'd to Tho's Aflick, 100 lbs Brass, ℘ order of the Board.

to Mathias Keely, 6 lbs Gunpowder.

That he receiv'd from Jacob Scoggin 1½ lbs Salt petre.

That he receiv'd from Oswell Eve 8 Casks Battle Powder, wt 187½ lbs, 9 do Common do, wt 225 lbs.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 5th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

James Biddle,
James Mease,
George Clymer,
Daniel Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle,
Samuel Howell,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.

Resolved, That Mr. John Mitchell be appointed Muster Master to the Naval Armaments and to the Artillery of this Province, he having offer'd to do the business Gratis.

Thomas Apty produced his acc't for subsisting Soldiers in Gaol, confined by order of Congress, which was Certified to be just, by the Chairman.

William Brown, Captain of Marines, receiv'd his Commission this day, and dated the 16th Feb'y last.

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In Committee of Safety, 6th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN CADWALADER, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Geo. Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
James Biddle, .	Owen Biddle.
Tho's Wharton, jun'r,	

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Capt. Whyte, 12 pieces of Sail Cloth.

Resolved, That Capt. Brown, be ordered to Raise fifty able bodied Men for the Marine service of this Province.

That he be careful to inlist none but healthy Men, not under Sixteen years of age.

That he be allowed ten shillings per Man in Lieu of his recruiting Expences, and ten shillings per Week, for the subsistance of each Recruit, until they are provided for by the Commissary.

That he pay the greatest attention to the behaviour of the men while in quarters, and see their quarters discharged, at least once every week.

That no bought indented servants or apprentices be inlisted without the consent of their Masters, in writing.

That the Company consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants, two Serjeants, two Corporals, one fife, one Drum. and fifty Privates.

That a sum, not exceeding twenty Shillings, be advanced to each Recruit.

That £200 be advanced him for the Recruiting service.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn of John M. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. William Brown, for the sum of £200, which is directed to be charged to his company of Marines for the Recruiting service.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau be desired to apply to Congress for the powder supplied them by this Board.

Resolved, That Joseph Willson be appointed First Lieutenant to the Armed Boat Congress, in the Room of —— Mitchell, appointed the 16th Feb'y last, he never having appeared to receive his Commission.

That the following Gentlemen be appointed Second Lieutenants to the different Armed Boats, opposite their Names, vizt.:

James Fletcher,	to the armed Boat	Washington.
Henry Martin,	to the	Dickinson.
James Carson,	to the	Chatham.
Philip Buck,	to the	Congress.
John Wilson,	to the	Ranger.
Adam Boyd, appointed	to the	Burke.

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James Brown,	to the armed Boat	Camden.
William Lysle,	to the	Bull Dog.
Nicholas Fitzsimons,	to the	Warren,
Robert Pomeroy,	to the	Handcock.
Samuel Snowden,	to the	Franklin.
James Johnson,	to the	Experiment.
Laughlin McNeil,	to the	Effingham.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock.

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Agreeable to adjournment, the following Members Met:

JAMES MEASE, (Chairman.)

John Cadwalader,	Daniel Roberdeau,
James Biddle,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Owen Biddle,	George Clymer.
Samuel Howell,	

Resolved, That Capt. Thomas Reed be appointed Second in Command in the Naval Armaments of this Province, and Captain of the armed Ship now building by direction of this Board.

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, purchase or make two tons of Buck Shot.

Resolved, That a survey be made of the Channel between Reedy Point and the Pea patch.

Resolved, That Major Meredith, Capt. Wilcocks, Capt. Peters, & Mr. Peter DeHaven, be appointed to superintend and conduct the provincial Manufactory of Gun Locks in this city, and they are impower'd to contract for a convenient situation, and to erect all works necessary for carrying on the said Manufactory in the most beneficial Manner to the Public, and further to contract for the making fire arms, & see that the artificers who have already contracted in this city for that purpose, perform their Engagements faithfully, and this Board will supply them with such sums of Money as the business shall require.

Resolved, That the Commodore be desired to employ an experienced Pilot, and send him with all possible dispatch, with two discreet and capable Officers, in two of the Armed Boats down the River to Reedy Point, to sound the narrowest part of the Channel there, and take an accurate survey of the depth & breadth of the said Channel, with the various soundings across the same, for the information of this Board.

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In Committee of Safety, 7th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

John Cadwalader, James Mease, Robert Whyte, Daniel Roberdeau, George Clymer.

At a Special Meeting of the Committee.

PRESENT:

ALEX'R WILCOCKS, Chairman.

Owen Biddle, George Clymer, James Biddle, John Cadwalader, Dan'l Roberdeau, James Mease, Tho's Wharton, jun'r.

Upon application of James Christie for the payment of 2 Firelocks, detain'd by Robert Towers, Commissary, as Provincial arms,

Resolved, That an order be drawn on John Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, for five pounds, the value of said arms, which was accordingly done.

A Letter was this day wrote to the Committee of Chester County, recommending the associators to be properly armed & furnished with ammunition, out of the public stock.

Resolved, That the Commodore order down to-morrow to Fort Island, three of the armed Boats that are in most readiness, where they are to remain 'til they are relieved by others, while they are down the River the Men are to be quartered at the pest House in the Rooms not occupied by Capt. Procter's Company, until sufficient Barracks on Fort Island are built.

In Committee of Safety, 8th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

George Clymer, Jno. Cadwalader, Daniel Roberdeau, James Biddle, Thomas Warton, jun'r., Owen Biddle.

It being represented by the Commodore that Pilot Boats can be employed to more advantage in sounding the Channel at Reedy point, than the Armed Boats, and that he can employ skilful per-

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sons to effect that service without sending any of the Officers of the Boats; it is

Resolved, That the Commodore hire pilot Boats, and employ such skilfull and trusty persons to do that business, as he shall judge proper, & send them down immediately.

The Congress sent the following Resolves to this City, Viz't:

"In Congress, 23rd Feb'y, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Secret Committee be directed to Return to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, the arms borrowed of them for the use of the Continent.

"In Congress 6th March, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Secret Committee be directed to return to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, the powder borrowed of them.

"Extract from the Minutes.
"Sign'd CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y."

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, apply to the Secret Committee of Congress for the powder & arms mention'd in the above Resolves.

The present scarcity of Blankets lays the Committee of Safety under the necessity of applying to the patriotic inhabitants for a supply for the Artillery Company raised for the defence of this Province; Therefore, it is

Resolved, That Capt. Thos. Procter shall apply to such House Keepers as will be likely to spare any supernumerary Blankets which they may have, for the use of the said Company, and this Board will allow them a reasonable price for the same; and it is further

Resolved, That Captain Procter do Return to this Board the names of the Persons from whom he collects any Blankets, with the number which he shall collect, and their Value, which in the whole is not to exceed one hundred.

Resolved, That the pay master stop out of the pay of the non-Commission'd officers and privates in Capt. Procter's Company, three Dollars ℔ month for their Cloathing, and pay the same to the Tradesmen who has furnish'd the said Cloathing, he producing his account, settled and approved by Capt Procter.

Upon application of Mr. Robert Morris for the payment of sundry merchandize ship'd by the Committee for importing Powder, arms, &ca., for the use of this Province, on board the Brig't Dolphin, Jno. Prole, M'r, By order of the Board, an order was drawn an Mr. Jno. Nixon and others, the Committee of accounts, for £2038 3 7½, in favour of Robert Morris, Esq'r., being the amount of the Invoice of said Goods.

Adjourned to 6 O'Clock.

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Agreeable to Adjournment, the following Members met:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Dan'l Roberdeau,	Nicholas Fairlamb,
James Biddle,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	James Mease,
Jno. Cadwalader,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Thos. Wharton, jun'r.,	George Clymer.

Resolved, That this Board give each of the Men ofthe Artillery a Hatt of 7s. 6 Value, including binding.

The Secret Committee of Congress having applied to this Board to lend the arms intended by Congress, to replace those lent sometime past, did after deliberation,

Resolve, That the Secret Committee be inform'd, that the season of the year is now arriv'd when all our Vessels for the defence of the River should take their stations, and they are greatly unprovided with arms; the association in a deplorable situation from the like cause, and the province in general extreamly stripp'd of arms, to supply the Neighboring Colonies; that these are the principal Reasons that influence the determination of this Board, and such as they hope will be allowed to have weight with the Secret Committee.

WILLIAM GOVETT, Sect'y.

"In Committee of Safety.

"PHILAD'A., 9th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman,

George Clymer,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.,
James Mease,	James Biddle,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
	Jno. Cadwalader.

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Upon application of Colo. Jno. Shea, for a sum of Money for the use of his Battalion in the service of the United Colonies,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour on Messrs Mease & Caldwell, for £500, for the use aforesaid.

Upon application of Capt. Jno. Wilcocks, for a Sum of Money for the use of the Committee appointed to direct the Manufactury of Gun Locks, &c.; By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. John Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, for £300, in their favour.

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Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Capt. Robert Whyte, or his order, 16 pieces of light sail Cloth.

Resolved, That Capt. Samuel Davidson be appointed to the command of the Floating Battery.

Resolved, That Mr. Towers cause to be made, 40,000 Musket Cartridges, for the use of this Province.

Upon application of Mordecai Davis, appointed by the Committee of Chester County to receive & pay for the Salt Petre manufactured in that County, Mr. Towers, Commiss'y, was directed to deliver him one Quarter Cask of Gunpowder, towards the payment of what Salt petre he may receive.

Resolved, That Mr. Jno. Mitchell be appointed Commissary of Provisions to the Artillery, and the Naval Armaments of this Province, and that he be allowed 6s per week per Man, he supplying them with such Provisions as is set forth in an advertisement from this Board of the 1st instant, to commence the 11th instant, to the 11th of June.

Resolved, That Capt. William Richards, Capt. Nath'l Falconer & Capt. Thomas Reed, be fully impower'd to fix signals for giving alarm at Cape Henlopen, and at such other places on either side of the Bay and River Delaware, as they shall judge proper, and also to engage for Men and Horses to be in readiness to convey intelligence by Land, and to do every thing necessary to effect the said service, and draw orders on this Board for such sums as shall be requisite to carry the same into execution. On motion,

Order'd, That the following Resolves of Congress be enter'd on the minutes of this Board.

"In Congress, 23d February, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Secret Committee be directed to return to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, the arms borrowed of them for the use of the Continent.

6th March, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Secret Committee be directed to return to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, the Powder borrowed of them.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHA'S. THOMSON, Sect'y."

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 11th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	Michael Swoope,
Jno. Cadwalader,	Barnard Dougherty,
Samuel Howell,	Owen Biddle,
James Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r.

Resolved, That Capt. Thomas Houston take the Command of the Armed Boat Warren.

By order of the Board, the Powder account with Congress was sent to the Secret Committee, and the Balance due to this Board in powder this day, is 12,056½ lbs. powder.

Robert Towers, Commissary, makes the following Report:

That he deliver'd Capt. Eyres,
4 oz. Salt Petre,
1 lb. Sulphur.
deliver'd Capt. Henderson 1 pr. Pistols.
deliver'd to ——— Parker, 1 Roll Sheet Lead.
That he deliver'd to Benja. Town, 200 lbs. Brass.
deliver'd James Wallace, 25 powder.
That he receiv'd from Elias Bohrer, 6 Budge-Barrels.
receiv'd from W'm Paul, 258 lbs. Brass.
rec'd from Rob't Marn, 36 Ram Rods.
from Rudolph Neuff, 31 Wheel & 15 Hand Barrows.
from Geo. James, 20 lb. Buck Shot, Cost 10s.
from Alex'r Todd, 56 lb. do., 27s. 6.
from Salt Petre Works, 38¾ lbs. Salt Petre.
from Jno. Wilcox, on acc't. of this Board, 50 half bls, 114 qr. bls, lbs. wt., 5778 Gunpowder.
from Messrs. Bayard & Co., 101 lbs. Lead Ball.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 12th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	George Ross,
James Mease,	Barnard Dougherty,
Owen Biddle,	George Clymer.

WHEREAS, the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the City of Philad'a, hath made Complaints to this Board that certain prisoners in the s'd Gaol, Committed as Enemies to this country, have raised a dangerous Riot, assaulted the Gaoler and Turnkey, and now stand on their defence, and threaten to Break the Gaol and release all the prisoners, these are to require you forthwith to repair to the said Gaol with a sufficient party of your Men, and Assist the Sheriff and Gaoler to secure the said Rioters, for which this shall be your Warrant.

Directed to Capt. Tho's Procter.

Signed, JAMES BIDDLE, Chair'n.

By order of the Board, the following Letter was this day wrote, sign'd by the Chairman, and deliver'd to Colo. Jno. Shea.

The Committee request you would order a Guard of a non-Commission'd officer and six privates at the Gaol of this City, for the protection thereof, as there are many prisoners confined there by order of Congress, who have Assaulted the Gaoler and threaten to break the Gaol; they also request you would order a Guard on the Powder at the Powder-House and Cannon at the State House, and another on the Fire Rafts and Magazine at the Lower end of the Town.

Doct'r Bond having inform'd this Board that it is necessary for Powder being burnt in the Work House of this City for purifying the air, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Thomas Apty two pounds powder.

Upon application of the Assembly, by Joseph Parker, Esq'r, for 10 lbs. Powder & 40 lbs Lead, as a Gift to some friendly Indians now in this City, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver said powder and Lead to Mr. Parker, or his order.

Ed'd Chamberlain this day resigned his appointment of Master-at-Arms & Armourer of the armed Boats.

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In Committee of Safety,

PHILAD'A, 13th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON Chairman.

James Biddle,
Owen Biddle,
Robert Whyte,
George Clymer,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Samuel Howell,
Daniel Roberdeau.

Andrew Stohl, a person who has purchased a number of Arms in the Township of Cushioppen & Limerick, informs this Board that they are detain'd by the Committees of Inspection of said Townships; said Stohl having offered to sell the said arms to this Committee, it was recommended to said Committees of Inspection to send the said arms to Rob't Towers, Commissary.

Upon application of Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for a sum of Money for paying the Men employed on Board the Armed Boats, &c., By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of Mr. Nesbitt, for fifteen hundred pounds.

Resolved, That the Officers in this City who are prisoners of war, be desired forthwith to repair to the several places allotted for their Residence by Congress, and that such Officers be furnish'd with a Copy of this Resolve.

Resolved, That Arthur Donaldson be employed to launch the Chevaux-de-Frize built at Gloucester, and that he be fully authorized to procure anything for the purpose, hire persons under him, on the best and cheapest terms, and that he draw on this Board for the Expence.

Resolved, That John Cobourn be employed to take the Chevaux-de-Frize, when launched at Gloucester, and sink them in their proper places near Fort Island, and that he be authorized to procure anything for the purpose, hire persons under him, on the best and cheapest terms, and that he draw on this Board for the Expence.

Adjourned to 5 o'Clock.

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Agreeable to adjournment, the following Members attended:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,
George Clymer,
Robert Whyte,
Samuel Howell,
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r.

Resolved, That all good and able seamen, who shall inlist in the service of this Province to be employment in the Naval armament thereof, shall receive 7 dollars per month, & 2 dollars Bounty, which

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Bounty to be paid one Month after their enlistment, and the said Seamen to be continued in the service until discharged by this Board.

That those able-Bodied Seamen that are at present in the service, shall receive 7 dollars per Month, to commence the 15th inst.

Mr. Nixon having occasion to leave the Board, Mr. Samuel Howell was unanimously chose Chairman.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Forrest be appointed Captain of a Company of Marines, to be raised for the service of this Province, to be employed on Board the Floating Battery.

Resolved, That all able Landsmen who shall enter into the service of this Province, on Board the Naval armaments thereof, be paid 2 dollars as a Bounty.

Resolved, That Capt. Rice be applied to, to assist in taking down and sinking the Chevaux-de-Frize, and that he attend this Board to-morrow Morning.

Resolved, That 5 small Guard Boats be built, on the same construction with the one already built.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 14th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	James Mease,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Daniel Roberdeau.
James Biddle.	

"In Consequence of an Order drawn by Francis Wade on this Board, for the payment of the Rations of Captains Montgomery, Davison, Alexander, Eyres, Henderson & Boyce, amounting to £66 9 4, an order was drawn on the Committee of accounts for said sum, & directed to be charged to said Wade's account.

Upon application of John Fox for the payment of his Bill for repairing Firelocks, belonging to Capts. Allen, Willett, Williams & Jones' Companys, belonging to Colo. DeHaas' Battalion, in the service of the United Colonies, By order of the Board, an order was on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, for £94 1 11, being the amount of said accounts.

Upon Motion, the following advertisement was directed to be published in the different News papers of this City.

"All persons that can give information to this Committee of Sulphur ore, in this or any neighboring Colony, are desired to give speedy intelligence, and this Board will receive proposals from any

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person or persons that are willing to engage in procuring Sulphur for the public use."

Resolved, That the Commodore send such Officers as he shall think proper, to recruit Seamen and able-bodied Landsmen for the Naval Service of this Province, to such place as he shall judge most likely to get recruits.

That the Recruiting officer be allowed twenty Shillings ℔ week each, for their expences, and ten shillings per Man for every Recruit, in lieu of all recruiting charges, and ten Shillings per Week for each Man's Subsistance, until they are brought to this City & supplied by the Commissary, and that each Officer be furnish'd with a Copy of the Resolves of this Committee Relative to the pay & bounty of the Men.

Resolved, That agreeable to authority Deligated to this Board by Congress, one-half of the Officers, prisoners of War, who are or have been, by any former order, station'd in the Burrough of Lancaster, be removed to the Town of Carlisle, and the other half removed to the Town of York, and that the Committee of Lancaster take order in this matter, and have full authority to make the arrangement, according to their best judgment.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau draw up a Letter to the Committee of Lancaster, Cumberland & York Countys on this subject, and furnish them with the resolution of Congress and this Board, respecting the disposition of the Officers ordered to be removed, agreeable to the Resolution of this day; also with a form of the parole said officers are to take.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 15th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chairman.

John Cadwalader,	Samuel Morris, Jun'r,
George Clymer,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
Robert Whyte,	James Mease,
John Nixon,	Alex'r Wilcocks.

Mr. Thomas Holland having resign'd his appointment in the 4th Battalion of Penn'a Troops, in the service of the United Colonies,

Resolved, That Michael Ryan be appointed Adjutant to the 4th Battalion in the place of the said Holland.

Resolved, That the Commissary be directed to deliver to Captains Richards, Falconer, & Reed, the Committee appointed by this Board

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for fixing Signals, such Guns, Ammunition, and Implements, as they shall require for that service.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, & others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of John Cobourn, for £ 150, he being employed in sinking the Chevaux de Frize.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of Capt. John Rice, for £ 150, he being employed in sinking the Chevaux de Frize.

Resolved, That Capt. Rice be employed to take the Chevaux de Frize, when launched at Gloucester, and sink them in their proper places near Fort Island; and that he be authorized to procure any thing for the purpose, hire persons under him, on the best and Cheapest terms, and that he draw on this Board for the Expence.

Resolved, That Capt. Thomas Proctor of the Artillery, be allow'd 26⅔ dollars per Month.

By order of the Board, John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to settle with Capt. Procter, & pay him 26 & ⅔ Dollars per month for his own pay, from the date of his Commission to the first inst.; and also 2 Months' pay of 2 Serjeants at 10 Dollars, 2 Corporals at 9 Dollars, & 23 privates at Six Dollars per month, from the first of Jan'y to the 29th Feb'ry inclusive.

Upon application of Colo. Shea for some Firelocks, for the use of the Troops under his Command, for mounting the necessary Guard to this City, By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver Colo. Shea 24 firelocks for the said purpose, taking his receipt for the same, to be return'd in good order on demand.

Upon application of James Chapman & Jno. Vandegrift, of Bucks County, for the payment of Arms, &ca., to be furnish'd by that County for the use of the Province, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of said Vandegrift, one of the assessors, for £ 500.

Resolved, That the Commodore require every Captain of the armed Boats immediately to furnish this Board with the Indents which they lately produced to Mr. Nixon & Captain Whyte, and for that purpose send down to the Captains at Liberty Island.

Colo. Shea this day reported to the Board that Capt. Melchor declined accepting of the Commission of Captain, lately granted to him in the third Penn'a Battalion.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock.

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Agreeable to adjournment, the following Members Met:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	Jno. Cadwalader,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.

Upon application made to this Board by the Colonels of the several Battalions of this city for the use of the arms and accoutrements now in the possession of the Commissary,

Resolved, That the Commissary distribute 215 Provincial arms now under his care, and a like number of Cartridge Boxes and Bayonet Belts, equally between the four Battalions in this city, taking Receipts of their several Colonels for the same, and the Colonels are requested to deliver them to their several Captains, for the use of their Companies, which arms & accoutrements are to be returned to the Captains and kept in a proper place, immediately after they are discharged from duty, that they may be allways ready to be delivered to the order of this Board.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 16th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chairman.

Jno. Cadwalader,	Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Robert Whyte,
James Biddle,	John Nixon.
Owen Biddle,	

Lewis Nicola, Barrack Master, was this day directed to deliver Colo. St. Clair & the other officers of the Battalions, what necessarys they may want belonging to this Province that are under his care at the Barracks, taking Receipts for the same.

Resolved, That Capt. Thomas Forrest be ordered to raise thirty able Bodied Men for the Marine service of this Province.

That he be allowed ten Shillings per Man, in lieu of his recruiting Expences, and ten Shillings per week for the subsistance of each recruit, until they are provided for by the Commissary.

That he pay the greatest attention to the behaviour of the Men while in quarters, and see their quarters discharged at least once in every week.

That no bought indented servants or apprentices be inlisted without the consent of their Masters in writing.

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That the Company consist of one Captain, two non-commission'd officers, and thirty Privates.

That a sum not exceeding twenty Shillings, be advanced to each Recruit.

That £50 be advanced Capt. Forrest for the recruiting service.

That the pay of the privates be six dollars per month, and to continue in the service of this Province until discharged by the Assembly or this Committee.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favour of Capt. Thomas Forrest, for £50, which is directed to be charged him for Recruiting a Company of Marines.

Upon application of Colo. Anthony Wayne, for a sum of money for the use of his Battalion in the service of the United Colonies, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for £2000, for the use aforesaid, in fav'r Colo. Wayne.

Upon application of Colo. Robert Magaw, for a sum of money for the use of his Batt'n in the service of the United Colonies, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease and Caldwell for £2000, for the use aforesaid, in fav'r Colo. Magaw.

Resolved, That the Commodore, or Commander-in- Chief of the Naval Armaments of this Province, be allowed sixty dollars ℔ month, and six Rations of Provisions per day.

That the second in Command of the Naval Armaments of this Province, be allowed £10 ℔ month, & 3 Rations of Provisions per day.

That the 1st. Lieutenants on Board the Provincial Ship, be allowed 17 dollars per month, & 2 Rations of Provisions.

That the 2nd Lieut's on Board said Ship, be allowed sixteen Dollars per month, & 2 Rat's of Prov's.

That the 3rd Lieut. on board said Ship, be allowed 14 Dollars per month, two Rat's Provisions, & to Rank with the 2nd Lieutenants of the Armed Boats.

That the Master of the Provincial Ship be allowed 16 Dollars per month, & 2 Rations of Provisions per day.

That the Master & Carpenters of the said Ship, be allow'd 14 Dollars per month, & two Rations of Provisions per day.

That the Gunners & Boatswains of said ship, be allowed 12 Dollars per month, & two Rations of Provisions per day.

That the Midshipman on board s'd ship, be allowed 10 Dollars per month.

That the Surgeon to said ship be allowed 25 Dollars per month, & two Rations of Provisions per day.

That the Surgeon's mate to the said ship, be allowed 18 Dollars per month, & 2 two Rations of Provisions per day.

Mr. Johnston Smith having acquainted this Board that he has purchas'd, agreeable to permission of this Board to Mr. Innes some time past, a Number of Fire Arms for the use of the Colony of Virginia, and that he is apprehensive the Committees of the differ-

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ent Counties will not suffer him to take the said Arms to this City, without permission from this Board; Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee of Inspection & Observation of the different Counties, be requested to suffer Mr. Smith to send the Arms to Virginia; That he has purchas'd previous to the date hereof.

Resolved, That Commodore Caldwell give directions to the Officers of the Boats for the Chevaux-de-Frize now sunk at Fort Island, to be examined, and make Report of their Situation to this Board, by Tuesday next.

Mr. Thomas Bedwell proposes to refine Crude Sulpher upon the following terms, Vizt.:

To Erect Furnaces proper for that purpose at his own Expence, to be allowed 20s. per hundred weight for good Sulphur.

This Board to advance him £25 for that purpose, which he is to repay at the Expiration of one year, provided he be fully employed during that time, otherwise this Board to pay so much of the expence of said Works as will amount to the said twenty-five pounds, and, in the latter case, the said works to be the property of this Board.

That this Board be at the Charge of sending the Crude Sulphur to the works, and taking it away when refined.

Resolved, That this Board agree to the above proposals of Mr. Bedwell for refining Crude Sulphur, and that he immediately erect the proposed works.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in favor of Thos. Bedwell, for £25, being so much advanced him to erect works for the refining of Crude Sulphur.

In Committee of Safety,

PHILAD'A., 18th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	Daniel Roberdeau,
James Biddle,	Barnard Dougherty,
Jno. Cadwalader,	Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Samuel Morris, Jun'r.

Upon application of Capt. Esmion Williams for the payment of 15 Firelocks purchased by him for the use of his Comp'y of associators of this City, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, for £47 17, being the Cost of said Arms.

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Resolved, That Capt. Thomas Forrest be allowed a Drummer and Fifer to his Company of Marines, to be employed on board the floating Battery.

Mr. Nixon having occasion to leave this Board, Mr. Alex'r. Wilcocks was appointed Chairman.

Resolved, That the Committees of the different Counties of this Province be requested to furnish the persons who may be appointed to review and pass the Recruits raising for the service of this Province, with so much powder & Lead as may be necessary to prove them to be marksmen, not exceeding two Rounds each Man.

Resolved, That Jacob Myers, employed as armourer in the Service of this Province at Fort Island, be allowed six pounds per month, & two Rations of Provisions per day.

Resolved, That Commodore Caldwell order Capt. Alexander, & Lieut. Hennessy on the Recruiting Service to New York, agreeable to the Instructions of this Board.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 19th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Jno. Cadwalader,	Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r., in favour of Charles Alexander for £150, being so much advanced him for recruiting Seamen to be employed in the Naval Armaments of this Province.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. John Nixon and others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of Capt. Francis Wade, for three hundred and fifty pounds.

Upon application of the Commissioners of Lancaster County for a sum of Money towards the payment of arms & accoutrements making in that County, for the use of this Province,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, for £300 in favour of William Bawsman, one of the said Commissioners, for the purposes aforesaid.

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, deliver to Capt. Loxley, for the use of his Artillery Company, what necessarys he may want to compleat his Company for actual service.

Resolved, that the Wages of the Pilots employed in the service of this Province, be ten pounds per month, to commence the 21st and continue for one Month.

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Resolved, That John Hennessey, Lieutenant of one of the armed Boats, be appointed first Lieutenant to the floating Battery.

Resolved, that William Bradford be desired to print 1000 of the Rules, Regulations and articles of Associators, agreeable to the Resolves of Assembly.

This Committee having taken into consideration the situation of the several Battalions in this City, with respect to their ammunition and arms,

Resolved, That the Colonels of the several Battalions, be requested to call in all the ammunition now in the hands of the associators and deliver it to the Commissary, & the Commissary is hereby directed to deliver twenty-three rounds of new Cartridges to every associator in the several Battalions who have Firelocks fit for service, which Cartridges the associators are to deliver their respective Captains, to be put up in Bundles and marked with the names of the several associators.

The Commissary is to examine the arms of every associator before he delivers out the ammunition, and to take lists of such arms he as thinks ought to be proved, and return said lists to the Colonels of the several Battalions, who are to acquaint the owners of said arms that they cannot be supplyed with the ammunition until their Firelocks are proved by the Commissary, who is directed to stamp every Firelock with the number of Balls each will take to the pound.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 20th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
Alexander Wilcocks,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	John Cadwalader.

Upon application of Capt. Falconer for a sum of Money for the use of the Committee appointed to fix Signals, &ca., in the Bay and River Delaware; By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of Capt. Nathaniel Falconer for £ 300.

Resolved, That Capt. Leeson Simmons be joined to the Committee for fixing Signals in the Bay & River Delaware.

Resolved, That Francis Feauss be appointed First Lieutenant to the Provincial Ship of War.

That Edward Yorke be appointed Second Lieutenant to the said Provincial Ship.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 21st March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Alex'r Wilcocks,	Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,	James Mease,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l Howell, Jun'r.

Resolved, That the following mentioned officers on board the Provincial Ship, be allowed the pay as affixed to their respective stations:

First Clerk - - - -	10	Dollars per Month.
Second Clerk - - - -	8	do.
Boatswain's Mate - - -	8	do.
Quarter Masters - - -	8	do.
Quarter Gunners - - -	8	do.
Gunner's Mate - - - -	8	do.
Steward - - - -	10	do.
Steward's Mate - - - -	8	do.
Cook - - - -	8	do.
Carpenters Mate' - - -	12	do.

The Congress having by a Resolve of the 21st required this Board to employ some trusty persons in each County to purchase as many good Muskets as will be sufficient to arm the Battalions raised in this Colony, on the most reasonable terms, and as a Battalion of Musketteers, is now immediately to be raised for the particular defence of this Province, & must be provided with Arms,

Resolved, That are appointed to purchase, on the most reasonable Terms, of all such persons who do not associate, and such associators as have spare Muskets, as many good Muskets as they can procure in the County of , & send them from time to time to Mr. Robert Towers, our Commissary, in this City, & this Board will advance such sums as shall be necessary to pay for the same.

Agreeable to the above Resolve, Letters were wrote to the following Countys, Vizt.: Philad'a, Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Berks, & Northampton, with a Request that they would insert the Names of proper persons to perform the service, & to acquaint this Board of their names, when they will pass any orders for the payment of any Muskets purchased by them.

Resolved, That Mr. John Mitchell be appointed Master to the Provincial Armed Ship.

That Joseph Greenway be appointed 3rd Lieutenant to the Provincial Armed ship.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 22nd March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Thomas Wharton jun'r,
Dan'l Morris, Jun'r,	Samuel Howell,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle.

Agreeable to a Resolve of Congress of the 13th February last, This Board granted the following Certificate:

"In Committee of Safety, 22d Mar., 1776.

"Messrs. Knight & Green having engaged with and being empower'd by this Committee to import from North Carolina six hundred Barrels of Naval Stores, for the use of this Province, this Certifies that they have given the proper security required in this case by the Resolution of Congress of 13th February last."

Resolved, That Hercules Courney be appointed 2nd Lieut. to the Artillery.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 23rd March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	James Biddle,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,	David Roberdeau.

Resolved, That James Maul leave his station at the mouth of the River, to attend this Board as speedily as possible, and that Captains Richards, Falconer, and Simmons, be desired to have his place supplied immediately, by another pilot of sufficient ability and Industry.

Resolved, That James Morrison be appointed Lieutenant of Marines in the service of this Province.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle & Mr. Alex'r Wilcocks be a Committee to agree with William Henry for making 200 Rifles.

Resolved, That Mr. Nixon be requested to order timber suitable for the Carriages of

30 24 pound'rs.
10 32 pound'rs.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 25th March, 1776.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Sam'l Howell,	Barnard Dougherty,
Robert Whyte,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Sam'l Miles,	Sam'l Hunter,
James Biddle,	Jno. Montgomery,
Owen Biddle,	James Mease,
Michael Swoope,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
George Taylor,	

Upon requisition of the Marine Committee of Congress for thirty stand of arms, or 2 wall pieces & 26 Muskets for the fitting out the Brig't. Lexington, for the protection of the Trade of this Coast, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver said number of arms to Capt. Barry, or his order.

Upon application of Doct'r Harris for a quantity of Salt peter to manufacture into Gunpowder, agreeable to an engagement with him & this Board, By order of the Committee, an order was deliver'd him on Rob't. Towers, for twenty hundred pounds of Salt petre.

Resolved, That Mr. James Mease be empowered to take out of the hands of Mr. Smith, a Custom House officer, all the fire arms that may be found in his possession, & Report his proceedings to this Board.

Resolved, That Mr. Nathaniel Donnell be appointed Second Lieutenant to the Company of Matrosses raised in this Province, & Commanded by Capt. Bernard Romans, in the service of the United Colonies.

By order of the Board, Thomas Dewees, Gaoler, was directed to discharge Henry Yelverton Price from Confinement, he paying his own Expence; & Mr. Dewees to inform him that he is to leave this City within three days, & to acquaint him that he will be recommitted if found here after that time.

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. McNeal, Colo. Miles, Mr. O. Biddle and Mr. Clymer, a Committee to fix upon proper places upon the River Delaware for erecting fortifications.

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In Committee of Safety,

PHILAD'A, 26th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,
Jno. Cadwalader,
Alex'r Wilcocks,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Daniel Roberdeau,
Samuel Howell,
James Biddle.

Upon application of Jno. Pollard & Jacob Acfield for the payment of their accounts for Bayonets & repairing Fire Arms for Capt. Harmar's, Jones' & La Mar's Comp'ys in Colo. De Haas' Battalion, By order of the Board, two orders were drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for the am't of said acc'ts; one in favour of John Pollard for £2 11 1, & the other in favour of Jacob Acfield for £19 9 6.

Resolved, That William Gamble be appointed Captain to the Ætna Fire Ship.

That William Greenway be appointed Captain to one of the tier of Fire Rafts.

Resolved, That the Provincial Ship of War be called the Montgomery.

That the Floating Battery be called the Arnold.

Resolved, That the Letter rec'd from the Committee of Westmoreland county, offering their services in an Expedition to Detroit, be handed by Mr. Wilcocks to Mr. Willson, in order to its being laid before Congress.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r., in favour of Mr. Peter De Haven for £150, being for the use of the Commiss'rs, & assess'rs of this County, for the payment of Fire Arms making for the use of this County.

Resolved, That Mr. O. Biddle & Mr. Clymer employ Arthur Donaldson to build two piers to sink, for fixing the Boom for obstructing the navigation of the passage at Fort Island.

The Committee of Westmoreland County having made a requisition to this Board for some ammunition for the defence of the same, This Board wrote Letters to the Committees of Bedford & Cumberland Countys, requesting them in case the Inhabitants of Westmoreland were attack'd by an Enemy, to spare them the necessary powder belonging to the Publick for their defence, & immediately to inform this Board of the quantity spared.

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At a Special Meeting of the Committee of Safety, at the Coffee House, the following Members

PRESENT:

JNO NIXON, Chairman.

Dan'l Roberdeau,	Barnard Dougherty,
Tho's Wharton, jun'r,	Owen Biddle,
James Biddle,	Robert Whyte,
George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r.
Jno. Cadwalader,	

Mr. Nixon laid before the Board a Letter sent by express from Henry Fisher, dated Lewes Town, Monday Evening, Seven O'-Clock, acquainting this Committee that a Sloop-of-war was then coming into Lewes Road with a small Tender, and that there was reason to believe they would proceed up the Bay. The Committee sent for the Commodore and ordered him to send four of the armed Boats, well filled & manned, immediately down the River, as far, if necessary, as Reedy Island, and to direct the commanding Officer and other officers of the said Boats to Act in concert with, and by the advice of Cap't Barry, of the Brig't. Lexington, (in the Continental Service,) and exert their utmost endeavours to take or destroy all such Vessels of the Enemy as they shall find in the River Delaware.

The Committee also sent an Express to Cap't Proctor, or the Commanding Officer of the Artillery Company at Liberty Island, with the above intelligence, and order'd to keep a good Look out to prevent surprize, and be fully prepared to oppose the Enemy if they should attempt to come up the River.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 27th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

James Biddle,	Andrew Allen,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to furnish Cap't Dougherty's Boat with 13 32 pound Canon, Cartridges with Ball.

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Resolved, That Henry Fisher be allowed for his services from the 16th September last, and as long as this Board may have occation to employ him, the sum of ten pounds per month.

Upon application of William Montgomery, who acquaints this Board that he is appointed by the Committee of Chester County to receive & pay for the Salt petre made in that County, By Order of the Board, Mordecai Davis was directed to deliver Mr. Montgomery 12 pounds of powder out of a Quarter Cask deliver'd him some time past for the purpose aforesaid.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 28th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	James Biddle,
George Clymer,	Owen Biddle,
Jn'o Cadwalader,	James Mease,
Samuel Miles,	Nich's Fairlamb.

Upon application of Mr. Peter De Haven, one of the Assessors of this County, for a sum of Money for the payment of Firelocks, making for the use of this Province, By order of the Board an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of said De Haven, for £350, for the purposes aforesaid.

Upon application of Cap't Thomas Proctor for a sum of Money for the pay & Subsistance of the Artillery, By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Paymaster, for four hundred pounds, for said purpose.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Capt. Robert Whyte 9 pieces of sail Cloth for the use of the Provincial Ship.

Mr. Nixon having occasion to leave the Board, Mr. James Biddle was chose Chairman.

Mr. Mease Reports, that he could not find any Arms in the possession of Mr. Smith, the Custom House Officer.

Robert Towers Reports his having receiv'd & deliver'd the following articles:

Deliver'd by order of this Board to—

Joseph Parker,	10 lbs. Powder, 42 lbs. Lead.
Thomas Apty,	2 lbs. Powder.
Mordecai Davis of Ches-County,	37 stand arms, 1 q'r Barrel Powder.

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Deliver'd by order of this Board, to—		
Capt. Barry, for Brig't Lexington, on acco't of Congress,	5	lbs. Salt Petre,
	13	Dutch Firelocks,
	2	Wall Pieces,
	5	Bayonets,
	8	Scabbards,
	48	Musket Cartridges,
	2	Budge barrels,
Received, from		
Mr. Poultney,	192	Shovels,
	14	Spades,
Samuel Mead,	33	bls. Salt Petre,
Mr. Ross,	10 1 11	Roll Brimstone,
Mr. Craig purchased by Committee of Inspection,	41 2 21	of ditto,
Sam'l Garrigues, sen'r.,	8 3 19	of ditto,
Mr. Steimetz,	15 1 15	of ditto,
Char. Ludwick,	2 3 17	of ditto,
Biddle & Dehavan,	31½	lbs. Salt Petre,
S. L. Correy,	5	lbs. 11½ oz. do.,
Geo. Warner,	10	lbs. of do.,
Titus Matlack,	29	lbs. of do.,
Wm. A. Ryerson,	2½	lbs. of do.,
Eneon Williams,	96	lbs Lead,
	19½	lbs. Powder,
Mr. Homes,	1	Pistol,
Thomas Palmer,	2	do.,
Colo. St. Clair,	18	Muskets,
	13	do , Lockpart gone,
	13	do., no Locks,
	72	Gun Barrels,
	102	Bayonets,
Delivered to		
Nicholas Hicks,	12	Wheel Barrows,
	8	Hand Barrows,
	24	Shovels,
	18	Spades,
Do. towards Payment of Saltpetre, to		
S. L. Corry,	1½	lb. Gun Powder,
George Warner,	2½	lb. do.,
T. Matlack,	7	lbs. do.,
W. A. Ryerson,	10	oz. do.,
Delivr'd to make Cartridges for Signal Guns,	112	lbs do.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 29th March, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Alex'r Wilcocks,	Owen Biddle,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Geo. Clymer,
James Mease,	Sam'l Howell.
Daniel Roberdeau,	

Resolved, That Thomas Barr be appointed Lieu't Fire Worker to Capt. Bowman's Comp'y of artillery, in the service of the United Colonies.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of Mr. Robert Towers, for £50, which was directed to be Charged to his account.

The order, agreeable to a Resolve of Congress of the 21st inst., was handed this Board this day, for twelve thousand Dollars, in favor of this Committee, and Drawn on Messrs. Geo Clymer & Michael Hillegas, Esq'rs, paymasters, which was by order of the Board, endorsed to and Deliver'd to Messrs. John Nixon and others, the Committee of accounts, being for the purpose of paying for arms to be purchased by the different Committees of this Province for the use of Congress.

Upon application of Colo. Wayne for a Sum of Money for the use of the Committee of Chester County, for purchasing Arms on account of Congress,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, for five hundred Dollars, in favour of said Committee.

Upon Application of Capt. Thomas Houston for a sum of Money for the Recruiting service, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. J. M. Nesbitt, for £15, in his favour, for the purposes aforesaid.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in favour of Wollore Meng, for 7s 6, for 3 Scabbards for Capt. Davis's Comp'y. of Colo. De Haas' Battalion.

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In Committee of Safety,

PHILAD'A., 30th March, 1776

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman,

Alex'r Wilcocks,	Owen Biddle,
Sam'l Miles,	Thos. Wharton, Jun'r,
George Ross,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Robert Whyte,
James Mease,	Geo. Clymer.
James Biddle,	

Upon Application of Capt. John Wilcocks for a sum of Money for the use of the Committee appointed to direct the Manufactory of Guns, Locks, &c., By order of the Board, an order was drawn in favour of Capt. Wilcocks, on Micheal Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, for Five hundred pounds.

Resolved, That Colo. Samuel Miles be empowered to purchase Rifles for the use of this Province.

Messrs. Samuel Potts & Thomas Rutter having engaged with this Board to cast a Number of Canon for the use of this Province, & requiring a sum of Money as an advance for putting their Works in proper order, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Micheal Hillegas, Esq'r, in their favour, for the sum of ene thousand Pounds.

The following Advertisement was ordered to be published in the Different papers of this City.

"*Resolved*, That this Committee will give forty-five shillings for every hundred gross weight of good, merchantable Brimstone, of the Produce and manufacture of this Province, that shall be deliver'd to Mr Robert Towers, Commissary, in this City, within six months from this time."

Resolved, That Mr. Howell, Mr. Nixon, & Capt. Whyte, be a Committee to look out for two Vessels most proper for sinking in the passage between the Chevaux-de-Frize, and make Report of their proceedings to this Board.

A Letter was this day wrote to the Committee of Lancaster County, informing them that this Board have occasion for 300 Rifles, & requested they would apply to the Gun Smiths that have made the Muskets for the use of that County on the subject.

Resolved, That Mr. Morris be requested to purchase a sufficient Number of Logs for building two Piers, for fixing the Boom to for obstructing the Navigation.

That Capt. Whyte & Mr. Morris contract with some persons to build the said two Piers.

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel McKenzie be appointed Surgeon to the 2d Batt'n of Pennsylvania Troops, in the service of the United Colonies.

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favour of Lieut. Hennessey for £4 10, for Waggon hire, in bringing Seamen from Brumswick to this City.

Upon Application of the Committee of New Castle County, for some 9lb pound Canon Shot, By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver 400, provided there is so many in his hands; at the same time, he was directed to deliver to Capt. Pryor 2lbs. Gunpowder.

March 31st, 1776.

At a Special Meeting of the Committee of Safety at the Coffee House.

PRESENT:

James Biddle,	Robert Whyte,
John Nixon,	Joseph Reed,
Owen Biddle,	Tho's. Wharton,
Alex'r. Wilcocks,	Samuel Morris,
George Clymer,	Daniel Roberdeau.

WHEREAS, Capt. W'm Bradford & Thos. Pryor, report to this Board that Angus McBean made application Yesterday to Nehemiah Maul for his Pilot Boat to go on Board the Man of War, now in our Bay, with assurance that he had the consent of this Committee, and that he, McBean, did guarantee said Boat in the sum of £130, in case he should be detained by the Man of War; therefore

Resolved, That Capt. Thomas Houston immediately proceed down the River, and remand the said Boat, McBean & Davidson, who are passengers on Board, that they may answer to this Board for their conduct.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 1st April, 1776,

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Alex'r Wilcocks,	James Mease,
Sam'l Morris, jun'r,	James Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r.
Barnard Dougherty,	

Resolved, That Nicholas Fitzsimmons be appointed 3rd Lieutenant to the Floating Battery.

Mr. Barnard Dougherty having represented it as impracticable for the Commiss'rs & Assess'rs of Bedford County, from their great

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distance, to contract with workmen for making the number of Muskets as ordered by Assembly,

Resolved, That he be authorized to contract with workmen in any of the Back Counties for Compleating the Number of arms as ordered aforesaid, and that he draw on this Board for the payment of the same.

Mr. Macbean being brought before this Committee and charged with endeavouring to go on board one of the King's Ships in Delaware Bay, contrary to the direction of this Committee, upon applition to them for that purpose, Upon hearing his defence, and fully examining and considering the same,

Resolved, that Mr. Macbean's proceeding down the River, on his said design, might have happen'd through a misapprehension of the Verbal answer given by this Board upon his said application, as only implying a refusal to grant him their authority for that purpose, from which he infer'd that he was at Liberty to attempt it, without such authority, if he could effect it; and altho' this Committee are of Opinion that his said Design was ill judged, and might have been attended with dangerous consequences, Yet it does not appear that there is any ground to charge Mr. Macbean with any evil intentions, to the prejudice of this Country.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell in favour of Jno. Handlyn for £ 18 5, being the amount of his acc't for repairing Firelocks belonging to Capt. Jones' comp'y, & for repairing firelocks left by Colo. de Haas' Bat'n, & since deliver'd to Colo. Wayne & others.

Adjourned to 5 O'Clock.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Safety, agreeable to adjournment, Philad'a.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,
James Mease,	George Clymer.
James Biddle,	

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 2nd April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	Daniel Roberdeau,
James Biddle,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	George Clymer.
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r.	

Upon application of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for a sum of Money for the payment of the Wages of the Officers & Men employed in the Naval Armaments of this Province, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of said Nesbitt, for two thousand pounds.

Resolved, That Maj'r Meredith, Capt. Peters, Mr. Jno. Wilcocks, & Mr. De Haven, be impowered to contract with ——— Tomlinson for making Publick the Art of boreing and Grinding Gun Barrels, and instructing such persons as they shall require to be taught that Art, and to give him a premium of fifty pounds for communicating the same.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Capt. Procter one barrel of Gunpowder for the use of the Artillery.

The Congress having sent to this Board by Mr. Willson, an information in writing against Sam'l Sample, an Inhabitant of Pittsburg, supposing him to have some connections with Doct. Connolly, a prisoner in the Gaol of this County, Dangerous to the safety of America, and requesting this Board to take such steps as they think best for the Publick Service, This Board did, in consequence of said request, send a Letter this day by express to the Committee of Cumberland County, inclosing a Copy of the said intelligence & Resolve of Congress relative thereto, desiring they would use their utmost endeavours to stop the said Sample, with his servant and a Boy he took with him, & examine their Clothes, Saddles, &ca., for any l'rs they may have; & if he, the said Sample, his servant or Boy, is found to have in their possession any Letters or papers inimical to the Liberties of America, that the Letters or papers be sent immediately to this Committee, and their persons be detained in safe Custody until the further orders of this Board.

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In Committee of Safety, 2nd Mar. '76.

At a Special Meeting this Evening.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Sam'l Howell,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,	Andrew Allen,
James Mease,	Sam'l Miles.

Resolved, That Mr. Nixon, Mr. Mease, & Mr. Roberdeau, be desired to look out for a small Vessel, proper to fit out as a cruiser in the Bay of Delaware against the Ministerial armed Tenders now obstructing the Commerce of this Province, and that they make Report of their proceedings as soon as possible to this Board.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 3rd April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

James Biddle,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
James Mease,	George Clymer,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Sam'l Howell.

Resolved, That the Letter receiv'd from Henry Fisher of Lewes, be immediately sent to the Delegates of this Province, to be laid before the Congress, and the said Delegates be requested to represent it as the sense of this Committee, that if two or more fast sailing vessels of small draft of Water were properly equipt, they might protect the Trade of this & the Neighboring colonies in the Bay of Delaware, now infested with Tenders and small armed Vessels of the Enemy, and secure the supplies of Military stores expected from abroad ; to apply to the Congress to take speedy measures for that purpose, and also to suggest the propriety of ordering back to this Port the several outward bound Vessels now lying in the River, and employing the Seamen in this service, until the Trade of the Bay is more secure.

Resolved, That six Rooms in the New Gaol be supplied with strong doors on the outside of the Iron doors to said Rooms, more effectually to prevent communications with prisoners ordered to be kept in close custody, seperate from the other Prisoners in said Gaol, and that Colonel Roberdeau be requested to see this Resolve carried into Execution.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 4th Ap'l, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAMUEL HOWELL, Chairman.

James Biddle,	George Clymer,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Owen Biddle,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Alex'r Wilcocks.

Upon application of Capt. Falconer for some arms & ammunition for the use of the pilot Boat station'd at Bombay Hook, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver 5 Muskets, 10 Rounds of Powder & Ball, & 8 Swivel shot.

Upon application of Matthias Keeler, for some money towards the payment of Firelocks making by him for the use of this Province, By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour for Fifty pounds.

Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Matthias Keeler 56 Musket Ball, for proving Firelocks making by him for the use of this Province.

Resolved, That the officers of the armed Boats be instructed not to suffer any Pilot Boat or Pilot (except those employed by this Committee, to navigate from Chester to this City) to pass down the River, below the Chevaux de Frize, without producing a permit in writing from this Board or the Commodore.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 6th Ap'l, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEO. CLYMER, Chairman.

James Mease,	James Biddle,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r.,
Sam'l Howell,	Dan'l Roberdeau.
Alex'r Wilcocks,	

The Canon Committee drew an order on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of Mr. Old, for £100.

Resolved, That Capt. Rice & Mr. A. Donaldson, be desired immediately to construct two Chevaux de Frize, for the purpo se of stoping the passage between the Chevaux de Frize now sunk, and that they be made in such form that they may float, when proper loaded for sinking.

Resolved, That Capt. Jno. Hazlewood be impowered to nominate some discreet and judicious person to assist some other person to be

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appointed by the Capt. of Mr. Vernon's Brig't, to appraise & Value the said Brig, & the Committee of Fire Rafts are hereby authorized to take the said Vessel at the Valuation of the said appraisers, & to fit her for a fire Vessel, for the defence of our River.

Upon application of Colo. Roberdeau, for a quantity of shot for the use of two privateers fitting out of this Port, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commiss'y, was directed to deliver Mr. Philip Moore three hundred pounds of different sized shot, taking a Receipt for the same.

Resolved, that Charles Lawrence be appointed Captain to one tier of Fire Rafts.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 8th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOSEPH REED, Chairman.

James Mease,	Owen Biddle,
Jno. Nixon,	George Clymer,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	James Biddle.

Resolved, That John McFatridge be appointed Second Lieutenant to the floating Battery.

Resolved, That the Officers & Non-Commission'd Officers on board the floating Battery, have the same Wages with those of the same rank on Board the Provincial Ship of War.

Resolved, That Mr. Howell & Mr. Wharton be a Committee to settle all accounts of Arms purchased by the Captains of the Comp'ys of Associators of the different battalions of this Province, agreeable to a Resolve of this Board of the 23rd January last.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 9th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

James Biddle,	Joseph Parker,
George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Owen Biddle,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	James Mease.
Robert Whyte,	

Upon application of Geo. Taylor, Esq'r., for a quarter cask of Powder for the use of the Commiss'rs & Assessors of Northamp-

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ton County, to prove the Firelocks making for the use of this Province,

By order of the Board, Rob't. Towers, Commiss'y, was directed to deliver a quarter Cask for that purpose.

In consequence of an order drawn by Isaac Levan, Jr., one of Persons appt'd by the Committee of Berks to purchase arms for the use of the Province, for nineteen pounds twelve shillings, in favour of Doct'r Potts, for 9 Muskets, it appearing that they are Provin'l arms, & that the above is the price of repairing,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, for said sum of £19 12, and the arms are order'd to be deliver'd to Capt. Herbert of Berks County, who is in the service of this Province.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of William Forbes, for the use of Henry Fisher, of Lewes Town, for sixty pounds.

The following order of Assembly was this day deliver'd at the Board, by Mr. Parker:

"In Assembly, April 6th, 1776.

"Upon Motion,

"*Order'd*, That Mr. Hillegas, Mr. Parker & Mr. Rittenhouse, be added to the Committee of Safety."

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 10th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

James Mease,	Sam'l Miles,
Samuel Howell,	Joseph Parker,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	James Biddle,
Owen Biddle,	Thos. Wharton, jr.,
Geo. Gray,	Jos. Reed,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Mich'l Hillegas.

Upon application of Mr. James Wallace for a sum of Money for the payment of Firelocks purchased in Bucks County, by order of this Board, for account of Congress, & for some Powder & Ball for proving the same,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. Jno. Nixon, James Mease & Tho's Wharton, for one hundred pounds, & an order to Robert Towers for fifty Ball, with directions to Mr. Wallace to use the powder in his possession, which he rec'd for the payment of Salt-Petre, keeping an account of the quantity he may use for that purpose.

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The following Resolves of Assembly was this day deliver'd to the Board by Colo. Miles.

"In Assembly, April 6th, 1776.

"Upon Motion,

"*Resolved*, That an Agent be appointed to provide necessary cloathing & accoutrements at Prime Cost, for the Troops ordered to be raised for the service of this Province, the Expence to be deducted out of the pay of such Troops; that such agent be allowed two and a half per cent. for his Trouble, and that he make no other Profit or Emolument whatever, by Contracts with the Tradesmen he may employ, or in any other manner.

"*Resolved*, That Matthias Slough, of Lancaster, Esq'r, be, and he is hereby appointed Agent for the purpose aforesaid.

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety may draw orders on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of the said Matthias Slough, for such sums of Money as they, from time to time, shall Judge necessary.

"Extract from the Journals.

"Sign'd CHAS. MOORE, Cl'k of assembly."

Upon application of Matthias Slough, Esq'r, for a sum of Money for the payment of Cloathing & accoutrements for the Troops to be raised for the service of this Province, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, in favour of said Slough, for three thousand pounds, for the purposes aforesaid.

Upon application of Colo. Miles for a sum of Money for the use of Colo. S'l Atlee, for the recruiting service of this Province, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of said Atlee, for five hundred pounds.

The assembly having recommended to this Board to appoint a proper person Marshall to the Court of Admiralty for this Province, the Board having considered the application of the different Candidates, Do Resolve, That Mr. Matthew Clarkson be, and he is hereby appointed Marshall to the Court of Admiralty for this Province.

Mr. Peter De Haven was this day desired by Letter to apply to Mr. Frailey, of Germantown, to purchase the arms in his possession that are or can be made fit for the service of this Province.

Mr. Towers, Commissary, was directed to apply to Adam Foulke to view and purchase the arms he bought of Andreas Stall, provided they are fit for the service of this Province; & also, to inspect & take an account of all other fire arms in possession of said Foulke, and make report of the Number & quality to this Board.

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In Committee of Safety, 11th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Parker,
Sam'l Howell,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r.

Upon application of Joseph Fox, Esq'r, one of the Commissioners of this County, for a sum of Money for the use of the Commiss'rs & Assess'rs, for the payment of Knapsack, Firelocks, &ca., made for the use of this Province, By order of the Board, an order was drawn in favour of said Fox, on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, for one thousand pounds, for the use aforesaid.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of John Nixon, James Mease, & Thomas Wharton, Jun'r, the Committee of accounts, for Ten thousand pounds.

Resolved, That Mr. David Rittenhouse be added to the Canon Committee of this Board, in order to assist in carrying into execution the different Resolves of this Committee respecting the procuring and casting Canon for the use of this Province.

Mr. Nixon having occasion to leave the Board, Mr. James Mease was chose Chairman.

Letters was wrote this day & signed by Mr. Mease, to the Committees of Lancaster, & Berks counties, requesting they would furnish Capt. Ab'm Dahauff & Capt. Thomas Herbert, with Firelocks, Bayonets and accoutrements, out of those made by virtue of a Resolve of assembly in June last, being for the use of their Companies in the service of this Province.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 12th April, 1776.

PRESENT.

JNO. NIXON, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r.,	Micheal Hillegas,
Samuel Howell,	George Clymer,
Joseph Parker,	James Mease.

Upon application of John Cabourn for a sum of money towards the payment of Men employed in sinking the Chevaux de Frize, By order of the Board an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in his favour, for two hundred pounds.

The Congress sent the following Resolve to this Board, which is order'd to be enter'd on the Minutes of this Committee:

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"In Congress, April 11th, 1776

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania be requested to Provide proper Barracks or quarters, for such of the Continental Troops as may from time to time be in the City of Philadelphia.

"Extract from the Minutes.
"Signed, CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y."

Capt. Alexander requesting to be dismissed from his present service, being offer'd the Command of a Vessel in the Continental Service, to be employed in the protection of our Trade,

Resolved, for the above Reasons, that his request be granted.

Capt. Hazelwood having applied for a sum of Money for the service of the Fire-Rafts, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in his favour, for one hundred pounds.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 13th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

OWEN BIDDLE, Chairman.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
Robert Whyte,	Samuel Miles,
Joseph Parker,	Sam'l. Morris, jun'r.
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	

The Commodore or Commanding officer at Fort Island, was this day directed to suffer all River Vessels not having Pilots on Board, to pass the Chevaux de Frize, and was a few days since directed not to suffer any Sea Vessels to pass without a permit from this Board.

Upon representation of Colo. Miles, that there is not a sufficient Number of Houses or other Buildings, in or about the Towns of Chester & Marcus Hook, to quarter the Troops now raising for the defence of this Province,

Resolved, That Colo. Miles do procure for the use of the said Troops, 100 good Tents, on the most reasonable terms in his Power.

Upon application of Colo. Slough, for the payment of 261 lbs of Salt Petre, manufactured by him in this Province, By order of the Board, Rob't Towers, Commiss'y, was directed to deliver him 50 lbs Powder, and an order on the Committee of accounts for £52 15, in favour of said Slough, which powder & Cash is the amount of said Salt Petre.

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Upon application of Mr. Briton for the payment of Fifteen Firelocks, purchased by him & Capt. Williams, which were dl'd Mr. Towers for the use of this Province, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r., & others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of Capt. Williams, for £51 8 6, being the amount of the same.

Resolved, That Doct'r Matthew McHenry be & he is hereby appointed Surgeon to the Provincial Ship Montgomery.

As it is found necessary that a powder Magazine be built for the use of this Province, capable of holding 1000 Barrels of Gun powder,

Resolved, That Mr. Isaac Coats & Mr. William Moulder be empowered to contract with persons for Materials for building said Magazine & to employ suitable workmen, & that they draw orders on the Committee of accounts for the Expences of the same.

That they be requested to prepare a plan of the same and lay it before this Board for their consideration.

The following Resolves of Congress, receiv'd this day, were order'd to be enter'd on the Minutes of this Board:

"In Congress, April 11th, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several Assemblies, Conventions, & Committees or Councils of Safety of the United Colonies, to use their best endeavours in communicating to foreign Nations the Resolutions of Congress relative to Trade."

"In Congress, April 12th, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Assemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety, of the Colonies respectively, in which prisoners are or shall chuse or be appointed to reside, be impower'd to remove such Prisoners from place to place, within the same Colonies, as often as to such Assemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety, respectively, it shall seem proper, having regard to the former Resolutions of Congress concerning Prisoners.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y."

"In Congress, 9th April, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That a list of the Prisoners of War in each Colony be made out and transmitted to the House of Assembly, Convention, Council or Committee of Safety, of such Colonies respectively, and that they be authorized and requested to cause a strict observance of the terms on which such prisoners have been enlarged, and also to take especial care that none of those confined by order of Congress be suffered to escape, and also that the allowance to

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each prisoner be punctually paid by the president of the Convention, or of the Council or Committee of Safety of the Colony in which he resides, and where there are no Conventions by the Speakers of Assembly, which said president or Speakers are hereby authorized, from time to time, to draw for the sums advanced in pursuance of this Resolution upon the president of the Congress.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y."

In Committee of Safety, 15th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Owen Biddle,
Samuel Howell,	George Gray,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,
James Mease,	James Biddle.
Mich'l Hillegas,	

Capt. Pitt has permission from this Board to hire any Seamen Confined in Gaol by order of this Committee.

Upon application of Joseph Colier for the payment of 50 Cartridge Boxes, Bayonet Belts & Scabbards, made for the use, and certified by the Commissioners of Berks County,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of said Collier for £36 5.

Upon application of Colo. Roberdeau for Pilots to carry down the Privateers' Sloops Congress & Chance,

Resolved, That a Pilot be allowed the Sloop Congress, provided the Captain of her will Promise and engage to go down the Cape May Channel and land his Pilot there.

Resolved, That Mr. John Young & Mr. Adam Foulke be impower'd to purchase all such good Fire Arms as shall be offer'd to them for the use of this Committee, on the best terms they can, not exceeding the Value that shall be put on them by the Commissary, and that this Board will allow them five per cent. for their Trouble.

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, apply to Messrs. John Young & Mr. Adam Foulke for one hundred & thirty Muskets, now in their possession, for the use of this Committee.

That this Board allow the said Young and Foulke 5 ℔ Ct. on the amount of the first cost of the said Muskets.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Capt. Dan'l Joy 500 lbs. Gun Powder for proving Canon made by Mr. Old at Reading Furnace, and to deliver to Mr. Lush two pounds Gun Powder.

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In Committee of Safety.—16th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JNO. NIXON, Chair'n.

Geo. Clymer,	Joseph Parker,
Owen Biddle,	Tho's Wharton, Jun'r,
Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,	James Biddle,
Sam'l Howell,	Dan'l Roberdeau.

Resolved, That Jacob Hans be and he is hereby appointed Captain to one tier of Fire-Rafts.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle & Mr. Parker be a Committee to prepare a plan for a powder Magazine, & to lay out the Ground upon which it is to be built.

Upon Application of Mr. Owen Biddle for the payment of 301 lb. 8 oz. of saltpetre, manufactured at the Provincial works in this City, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on the Committee of accounts in favour of Mr. Biddle, for £75 7 6, being the amount of said Salt Petre.

COMMITTEES.

Committee for importing Powder, Arms, &c.

Robert Morris,	Robert Whyte.
Tho's Wharton, jun'r,	

Committee of Accounts.

John Nixon,	James Mease,
Thomas Wharton,	Samuel Howell.

Canon Committee.

George Clymer,	David Rittenhouse,
Owen Biddle,	Jn'o Cadwalader.
Sam'l Howell,	

Fire Raft Committee.

Samuel Howell,	James Biddle.
Owen Biddle,	

Floating Battery Committee.

Samuel Howell,	George Clymer.
Robert Whyte,	

Ship Committee.

Mr. Nixon,	Tho's Wharton, jun'r,
Robert Whyte,	Mr. Howell,
John Nixon,	Mr. Clymer.

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Committee for Providing Pikes & Intrenching Tools.

Daniel Roberdeau, Owen Biddle.

Cheveux-de-Frize Committee.

Robert Whyte, Sam'l Morris, jun'r.
Owen Biddle,

Committee for fitting out 4 Guard Boats to Cruize at Cape May.

Mr. Nixon, Mr. Whyte.

Committee for building Floating Battery.

Fort Island Committee.

George Clymer, David Rittenhouse,
Owen Biddle, Samuel Miles,

Powder House Committee.

Owen Biddle, Sam'l Miles,
George Clymer, James Mease.

Ditto out of Doors.

Isaac Coats, William Moulder.

Committee out of Doors for Providing Firelocks, to Superintend Workmen in Gun Lock manufactory.

Sam'l Meredith, Jno. Wilcocks,
Richard Peters, Peter Dehaven.

Barrack Committee—Fort Island.

Owen Biddle, Dan'l Roberdeau.

Armed Boat Committee.

Robert Whyte, John Nixon.

Committee for further Defences.

Geo. Clymer, S. Miles,
D. Rittenhouse, Mr. McNeill.
O. Biddle,

Committee for fitting out two of the Armed Boats.

James Mease, S'l Howell,

Committee for building two Gallies for the Bay Service.

Sam'l Howell, Thomas Wharton, jun'r.
Owen Biddle,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on the Committee of Safety in favour of William Rush, for twelve pounds five shillings, being the amount of 4 Firelocks purchased by him & deliver'd the Commissary for the use of this Province.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 17 April, 1776.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Presd't.

Samuel Howell,	George Clymer,
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,	Alex'r. Wilcocks,
James Biddle,	David Rittenhouse,
Daniel Roberdeau,	George Gray,
Joseph Parker,	John Nixon.

Richard Boger, Commander of an armed Vessel taken by Capt. Barry, and John Draper, another Officer of the said Vessel, being brought to this City as Prisoners, were agreed to be enlarged on their separately signing the following Parole, which they agreed to, and signed accordingly:

"I, Richard Boger the 2nd, & John Draper, being Prisoners in the united American Colonies, and enlarged upon our Parole, do, upon the Honour of a Gentleman and officer, Promise that I will not go further than two Miles from Germantown, where I am ordered to reside, without leave of the Committee of Safety of the Province of Pennsylvania, or of the Continental Congress, and that we will not bear arms against the said Colonies, nor carry on any Political Correspondence whatever on the subject of the dispute between Great Britain and these Colonies, nor give any Intelligence to any Person whatever, relative to American affairs, so long as we remain a Prisoner.

"Signed separately by
"RICH'D BOGER, &
"JOHN DRAPER."

The Vice President having occasion to leave the Board, Mr. Alexander Wilcocks was appointed Chairman.

Resolved, That Doct'r Rush and Doct'r Duffield be appointed to Receive all Medecines belonging to this Province, for which they are to give receipts to be accountable for the same.

Edward Molloy, a Prisoner of War in the Gaol of this City, having made Oath that he will not bear Arms against the United American Colonies, is ordered to be set at Liberty.

Upon application of Caleb Davis for a sum of Money for the payment of Firelocks, &ca., made in Chester County, for the use of this Province, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Micheal Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, for fifteen hundred pounds, in favor of the Commissioners & assessors of said County.

Upon application of Caleb Davis for a sum of Money for the payment of Salt Petre purchased by direction of this Board in Chester County, & for some Powder for the same purpose,

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of accounts, in favor of said Davis, for one hundred pounds, & an order on Rob't Towers, Commissary, for two quarter Casks Gun Powder, for the purposes aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Officers Prisoners of War at Reading, be removed from that Town to the Town of Lebanon, in Lancaster County, and that the Committee of the Town of Reading be desired to cause the said removal to be effected, and to draw on this Board for the Charges that shall be incurr'd in executing the same, and that the Committee of the Town of Lebanon be desired to provide Quarters for the said Officers, and to take their Parole, and see that the same be faithfully observed.

Resolved, That the Mariners taken Prisoners by Capt. Barry and brought to this City, be suffered to go at large, upon their promising not to bear arms against the American Colonies, and not to leave this City without the consent of this Committee, or of Mr. Allen Moore, who is appointed to take care of them; and that they will appear before the said Allen Moore once every day.

Upon application of Capt. Thomas Forrest for a sum of Money to purchase Cloathing for his Marine Company, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for thirty pounds, in favour of said Forrest, for which he is to be accountable to said Nesbitt.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 18th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	Samuel Howell,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Miles,
Joseph Parker,	James Mease,
David Rittenhouse,	George Clymer.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, for £170 18 1, being the amount of his account of Medecines order'd by this Committee some time past, which were receiv'd by Doct'r Rush.

The following Resolve of Congress was this day deliver'd to this Committee, and order'd to be enter'd on the Minutes.

"In Congress, April 17th, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety of the Province of Pennsylvania, be requested to permit John Young, Jun'r, & Johnston Smith, to carry to Virginia all such arms as they have pur-

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chased or shall purchase in Pennsylvania for the use of the Continental Army in the said Colony of Virginia, before the first day of May next, at such price as the said Committee shall regulate, not to exceed 1,000 stand in the whole.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y."

In Consequence of the above Resolve of Congress, John Young has Liberty to purchase as many Firelocks as will compleat the said 1,000 stand, provided he compleats the number before the 1st day of May.

Resolved, That Mr. David Rittenhouse be added to the Fort Island Committee.

In Committee of Safety.

"PHILAD'A., 19th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Joseph Parker,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Howell,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	John Nixon.
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Capt. Thomas Forrest, for the use of his Marine Comp'y on Board the Floating Battery, Thirty Firelocks, with twenty-three Rounds of Cartridges.

The sub-Committee appointed to consider what further defences are necessary for the River, agreed in opinion that a Floating Battery of a similar, or nearly similar Construction with the one now in service, be immediately built; not doubting but the Committee, from their different Contracts, will be speedily supplied with a sufficient Number of suitable Canon to mount thereon.

The Board taking the above Report of the Sub-Committee into Consideration, do

Resolve, That a floating Battery be immediately Built, under the direction of Sam'l Howell, Robert Whyte, & George Clymer, a Committee hereby appointed for the purpose.

A Letter was this day wrote, By order of the Board, to Doct'r Chas. Bennett of Germantown, acquainting him that L't Boger & Mr. Jno. Draper, two Prisoners on their Parole, were going to reside at Germantown, & that their allowance was 15s each per week, which would be paid by this Board.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 20th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Alex'r Wilcocks,	Joseph Parker,
George Clymer,	Daniel Roberdeau,
George Gray,	James Biddle,
Samuel Howell,	John Cadwalader.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 22nd April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chair'n.

George Clymer,	David Rittenhouse,
Robert Whyte,	Joseph Parker,
Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
Jno. Cadwalader,	James Mease.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Capt. Nath'l Falconer Half a Barrel Gun powder, for the use of the Signals at Lewes Town.

By order of the Board, Rob't Towers, Commiss'y, was directed to deliver Capt. Brown twenty-six Firelocks, Cartridge Boxes, & Bayonet Belts, for the use of his Marine Company.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on the Committee of accounts for 45s, payable to Adam Baldwin & Benja. Low, two Men who deserted from Lord Dunmore, being so much given them to assist them to go to New Brunswick to their Families.

Resolved, That William & Tho's Bradford print 2,000 English, & that Henry Miller print 300 German Rules & Regulations for the better Government of the Military association in Pennsylvania; The Articles of association & the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-associators in Pennsylvania, agreeable to the Resolution of Assembly at their last sessions.

Resolved, That Rob't Towers, Com'ry, reserve 21 Firelocks for Capt. Brown, exclusive of the order for 26 deliver'd this day, and that he deliver in equal proportions to Colo. Dickinson, Colo. Roberdeau, Colo. Cadwalader, & Colo. McKean, the remainder of the Firelocks which he has in his possession belonging to this Province, taking Receipts for the same.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 23d April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chair'n.

Jno. Cadwalader,	Joseph Parker,
Owen Biddle,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	Samuel Howell.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Mr. Bedwell, one Ton of Crude Sulphur for refining.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on the Committee of accounts, for three hundred pounds, in favour of Capt. Richards or Capt. Falconer, for the use of the Alarm Committee, the expenditure of which they are to be accountable for.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on the Committee of accounts in favour of Mr. Owen Biddle, for account of the powder Mill building by order of Congress, for seven hund'd & fifty pounds, the expenditure of which Capt. Cowperthwait & Mr. Clem't Biddle is to be accountable for.

Upon application of Colo. Miles, for a sum of Money for the use of the Pennsylvania Battalions under his Command,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Colo. Sam'l Miles, for one thousand pounds.

In Committee of Safety, 24th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
George Clymer,	Samuel Miles,
James Biddle,	David Rittenhouse.

Resolved, That Doct'r Duffield & Doct'r Rush, have the superintendence and direction of the Hospital and Pest House, & have full power to fit the same for the reception of the sick, to provide Nurses, & all necessaries & utensils that shall be wanting, & Contract with Mr. C'n Cleish for furnishing the sick with firewood & provisions, and attending them, upon the Terms he formerly undertook the same.

Upon application of Colo. Sam'l Miles for some light sail cloth, for making Tents for the use of the Troops in the service of this Province,

By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver what sail cloth he has belonging to the Province, of Number 8, for use aforesaid.

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In Committee of Safety, 25th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

James Biddle,
Owen Biddle,
Dan'l Roberdeau,
Samuel Howell,
Joseph Parker.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 26th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

George Clymer,
Owen Biddle,
James Biddle,
Sam'l Howell,
George Ross,
John Cadwalader,
Sam'l Morris, jun'r.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Robert Towers, to deliver Capt. Hazelwood 6 cwt. of Brimstone, and one other order to deliver Peter De Haven, for the use of Lewis Prahl, 100lbs. Brass, for mounting to the Firelocks making by him for the use of this Province.

Upon application of Robert Towers, for the payment of two accounts for Firelocks, Salt Petre, &c., purchased and paid for by him, By order of the Board, two orders was drawn on the Committee of accounts in his favour, amounting to £160 13 4½.

A Memorial was this day sign'd and sent to Congress, solliciting that Honorable Body for a few pieces of the heaviest Canon taken by Commodore Hopkins at Providence.

Letters was this day wrote to the Committees of Cumberland, York & Northampton Countys, requesting they would each send to the Com'y in this City, fifty-six Firelocks, Bayonets & accoutrements, out of the Number made in said Counties for the use of this Province; the said Arms are requested for the arming the Battalion of Musketry raising for the immediate defence of this Province.

Resolved, that a powder Magazine be built on the Ground belonging to the powder Mill of Congress, at French Creek, and that Clement Biddle & Capt. Jos. Cowperthwaite procure materials, and employ proper persons to carry this Resolve into execution.

Upon application of Ludwig Fohrer for the payment of his account for Firelocks, purchased of him by Capt. Jones, & for the repairs of sundry others, for his & Capt. Dorrey's Company in Colo. De Haas' Battalion in the service of the United Colonies, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell, in favour of said Fohrer, for £93 11 1, being the amount of said accounts.

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of Colo. Hart, for twenty-five pounds two shillings & 6d, being the amount of 10 Firelocks purchas'd by Henry Wynkoop, in Bucks County, which sum is to be charged to the acc't of arms purchased for account of Congress.

Upon application of L't. Colo. Caleb Parry, for a sum of money for the use of the Musket Battalion in the service of this Province, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of said Parry, for the sum of £250.

In Committee of Safety, 27th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

Samuel Howell,	Joseph Parker,
George Gray,	James Biddle,
John Cadwalader,	James Mease,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Sam'l Miles.

Resolved, That it is necessary L't Boger & Mr. John Draper attend in this City on Monday next, in order to be examined in the Court of Admiralty, and that they return to their station at Germantown as soon as they are dismiss'd by the said Court.

Resolved, That the Reverend David Jones be, and he is hereby appointed Chaplain to Colo. Shee & Colo. Wayne's Battalions of Pennsylvania Troops in the service of the United Colonies.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of Colo. Hart, for the use of Henry Wynkoop, for £7 15, being the amount of 3 Firelocks purchased by him, which is to be Charged to the arms bought for account of Congress.

By order of the Board, Robt. Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Colo. Sam'l Miles, or his order, Intrenching Tools he may have occasion for, taking Receipts for the same.

And to Capt. Sam'l Morris, one quarter Cask of Gunpowder, for the use of the light Horse.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 29th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

ALEX. WILCOCKS, Ch'n.

George Clymer,	Jno. Cadwalader,
Sam'l Howell,	Joseph Parker,
Owen Biddle,	Tho's Wharton,
George Clymer,	John Nixon.

Upon application of Capt. Nath'l Falconer for two Swivels on Board one of the Guard Boats, By order of the Board, Capt. Hazelwood was directed to deliver them for the use of Congress.

In Consequence of the Intelligence receiv'd that the Roebuck Man-of-War is aground upon Brandywine, Capt. Reed was ordered with the Provincial Ship Montgomery, to proceed down the River and Bay, and join the Commodore, who is already on his way with the armed Boats, in order take or destroy her. Capt. Reed was also order'd to make up his Compliment of Seamen out of the Floating Battery, and to take a detachment of Capt. Procter's artillery.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 30th April, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

John Cadwalader,	George Clymer,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Parker,
George Gray,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,
James Mease,	Saml. Morris, Jun'r.

A Le'r was this day wrote to the Commodore, acquainting him that this Board had directed Mr. James Mease & Mr. Sam'l Morris to enquire into the cause of the armed Boats returning, & if those Gent'n should think proper to order them down again, the Commodore is to proceed back, untill he is fully satisfied that the Roebuck has got off.

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In Committee of Safety,

PHILAD'A, 1st May, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN CADWALADER, Chairman.

James Mease,
Samuel Miles,
Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,
Joseph Parker,
James Mease,
Sam'l Howell,
Alex'r Wilcocks,
Sam'l Morris, Jun'r.

Resolved, That Mr. John Reed be appointed Clerk, Commissary of Stores, and Barrack Master, at Fort Island, and that he be allowed five pounds per Month for his services, to commence at the time of his being first employed at the Fort.

Upon application of Colo. Sam'l Miles, for Medecines for the use of three Battalions of Pennsylvania Land Forces, By order of the Board, Doct'r Rush & Doct'r Duffield were requested to furnish the Surgeons of said Battalions with the necessary Drugs and Medecines.

The Sisterhood of Bethlehem having presented this Board with a quantity of Linen Rags, for the benefit of such as may be wounded in the service of their Country,

Resolved, That this instance of their Humanity be thankfully acknowledged.

Resolved, that Mr. Howell & Mr. Mease be a Committee to enquire if two of the armed Boats can be fitted out, in order to go down to the Bay of Delaware, to be there station'd for the protection of the commerce of this Province, and if they find that it is practicable to fit or alter two for that purpose, that they employ proper persons to carry the same into execution.

By order of the Board, the following Notice was order'd to be published in the papers:

"All persons who are now prisoners upon Parole, in the different parts of this Province, are strictly enjoined not to leave the district that has been appointed for their Residence, without the written permission of this Board, And all prisoners who come into this City by the Licence of the Congress, are directed upon their arrival immediately to communicate such Licence to this Committee, And if any Prisoners shall be found tresspassing against this order, their Persons will be immediately seized and imprisoned.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 2nd May, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chair'n.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
Sam'l Miles,	Joseph Parker,
George Clymer,	George Ross,
James Mease,	Robert Whyte,
John Cadwalader,	James Biddle.

Upon application of Colo. Sam'l Miles, for a sum of Money for the use of Matthias Slough, who is appointed by assembly to provide necessaries for the Troops raising in the pay of this Province, and for a sum of Money for himself, for the use of said Troops, By order of the Board, two orders were drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, one for two thousand pounds in favour of Colo. Miles, for the use of said Slough, & one other for one thousand pounds in favour of said Miles, for use aforesaid.

Upon application of Sam'l Smith, for the payment of 5 Firelocks purchased by him in Bucks County, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of accounts, for £13 15, which is directed to be charged to account of arms purchased for Congress.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Colo. Sam'l Miles what Provincial Rifles he may have, taking Receipts for the same.

Resolved, That Colo. Nixon & Capt. Whyte, be a Committee to direct the fitting out, to Cruize in the Cape May Channel for the protection of the Trade of this Province, four of the Guard Boats now built and under the Command of the Captains Lawrence, Gamble, Greenway, & Hans.

Resolved, That this Committee in future meet every Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays, precisely at 9, & set 'till 2 O'Clock each day; and if any Letters or business of Consequence, should be deliver'd, or come to the knowledge of the Secretary on any other day, that he immediately acquaint a Member of the Board therewith, that the other Members may be called together if thought necessary.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 3rd May, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Alex'r Wilcocks,	Owen Biddle,
Sam'l Howell,	George Clymer,
Tho's Wharton, Jun'r,	Daniel Roberdeau.
James Biddle,	

Resolved, That the Pilot to be employed on Board the Provincial Ship, be allowed sixteen Dollars ℔ month & two Rations of Provisions per day.

Robert Towers Reports his having deliver'd the 26th feb'y last to Capt. Loxley, the following articles for the use of his Comp'y of Artillery associators:

2 Brass 12 pound Canon, with travelling Carriages, Rammers, Sponges, Wadd Hooks, Ladles, Tillers, & Budge Barrels.
12 lbs. of Ship Match.
2 12 lb. link Stocks.
2 12 lb. Port Fire, Stocks, & Hooks.
2 12 lb. Tomkins Straps, Dragg Rope, & pins.
90 12 lb. Round Shot, fix'd with Wood Bottoms & flannel Cartridges filled.
150 12 lb. Tin Canisters of Grape Shot & flannel Cartridges. These are made up Ready to be deliver'd.
2 12 lb. Tin Tube Boxes.
250 12 lb. Tin Tubes, part filled.
1 Gunner's Quadrent.
1 Ammunition Cart.
8 Powder Horns.
2 doz. Port Fires.
2 Lanthorns.

Reports his having Receiv'd from Congress the 28th March: Sundry Casks Powder weighing 12,056½ pounds, & 250 Stand of Dutch arms.

Reports his having Receiv'd into Store, ℔ his return of 3rd April:

From John Lowrey - -	36 lbs. Lead.
Jno. Pinchbeck - - -	8 Firelocks.
Provincial Works - - -	93 lb. Salt Petre.
James Clughe - - -	8 lb. do.
Robert Evans - - -	7 lb. do.
James Edge - - -	1½ lb. do.
Jno. Cutting - - -	6 oz. do.
Jno. Zane - - -	2 o. o. of Brimstone.
Capt. Morgan's Inf'try Co. -	477 Cartridges.

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That he has deliver'd

To Capt. Whyte,	5 pieces Sail Cloth.
James Clughe,	2 lb. powder, to pay for Salt Petre.
Dan'l Toppam,	2 lb. do. do. do.
Capt. Morgan, Lt. Inf'y,	16 34 Cartridges & 500 Flints.
To Rob't Evans,	1¾ lbs. powder, to pay for Salt Petre.
Matthew Strong, for his look-out Boat,	5 Firelocks.
	48 Cartridges.
	15 Flints.
	8 Swivel Balls.

Reports his having purchased and Receiv'd from different persons, as p his Return of 21st April, the following Firelocks, with a Return of the Number of arms in store:

55	Firelocks purchased by	Robert Towers, & Repair'd.
7	do., from	Edward Pole.
4	do.,	William Rush.
9	do.,	Capt. Enian Williams.
15	do.,	Capt. John Williams.
44	do.,	Colo. St. Clair,
19	do.,	Wilcox De Haven.
10	do.,	Henry Wynkoop.
4	do.,	Caleb Davis.
70	Barrels. from	Colo. St. Clair.
136	New.	
142	Dutch.	
12	New,	Wills & Town.
17	do.,	Lewis Prahl.

462 firelocks in the whole, & 70 barrels in Store, on 21st Ap'l.

In Committee of Safety.—Monday 6th May, 1777.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Pres't.

Owen Biddle,	James Biddle,
Robert Whyte,	George Clymer,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	John Nixon,
Tho's Wharton, jun'r,	Dan'l Roberdeau.

Upon application of Capt. Rice for a sum of Money for the payment of the Men employed in sinking the Chevaux-de-Frize, By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of accounts, for £150, for said purpose.

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Orders were this day sent to the Commanding officer of the Fleet & Artillery Company at Fort Island, to call every Boat & Soldiers to their stations, & each to prepare for immediate action, and to suffer no Officer or Man to leave their station without the Licence of this Board, or the Commanding officer.

Resolved, That Colo. Nixon & Capt. Whyte be desired immediately to go to Fort Island, and give every necessary advice to assist the Officers carrying the above orders into execution.

The Officers & Men of the Armed Boats now in Town, except Capt. Boy's, were this day directed to go immediately to their stations at Fort Island.

The Vice President having occasion to leave the Board, Mr. Clymer was appointed Chairman.

By order of the Board, Capt. Hazelwood was directed to send down the Fire Vessels & 2 Chains of the Fire Rafts, & to dispose of them in the most convenient situations, near Fort Island.

Upon application of the Commissioners of Lancaster County for a sum of Money for the payment of Firelocks, &c., making in that County for the use of this Province, By order of the Board an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of William Webb, for the use of the Commiss'rs & Assess'rs of said County, for one thousand pounds, for the uses aforesaid.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 7th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Pres'dt.

Joseph Reed,	Daniel Roberdeau,
James Mease,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
George Clymer,	Owen Biddle,
James Biddle,	John Cadwalader,
Samuel Miles,	David Rittenhouse.
Sam'l Morris, jun'r,	

An Express having arrived last night from Port Penn, informing that two Ships of War, a Top Sail Schooner & three smaller Vessels, supposed to be tenders, were in sight of Port Penn, half past 11 O'Clock on Monday last; The Board, In consequence thereof, gave orders to Capt. Reed to order down the thirteen armed Boats under the command of the Senior Officer, with directions to proceed down the River, when they must concert the best method to attack, take, sink, destroy, or drive off the said Vessels if possible, but to be careful in exposing any of the Boats to Capture or destruction, and to send down the Fire Sloop Commanded by Capt. Gamble, with one other officer & 4 or 6 Men, with some bedding and

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other necessaries; also a six or four oar'd Boat; & to acquaint the Officers & Men in the Fire Sloop, that for their encouragement in performing any Essential Service, this Board will reward them handsomely. At the same time the Commissary was directed to send down a sufficient quantity of Provisions for the supply of the people in this expedition; and upon application of the Board to the Secret Committee of Congress, an order was procured, directing Capt. Wickes to supply the Boats with as many Voluntiers as may offer, which order was sent to Capt. Reed.

The Vice Presid't leaving the Board, Mr. Clymer was appointed Chairman. By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Colo. Sam'l Miles, for the use of the Provincial Troops under his Command—1000 pounds of Gun Powder and

2000 pounds of Lead, or as great a part thereof as is in store; and for the use of the associators of Chester County, to be conveyed there agreeable to Colo. Miles' direction, 20,000 Cartridges for Muskets; and to put on board the Shallop provided by the Commissary of Provisions, 30 Round of Cartridges of ammunition for each of the armed Boats, two-thirds of the Shot to be Cross Barr, if so many are in Store, and to put up 20 Rounds of Powder & Ball for two Guard Boats.

Resolved, That the Committee heretofore appointed to procure Pikes, do order to be made immediately an additional number of 1000 Pikes & 200 pitching axes for the use of this Province.

Resolved, That all Recruiting officers who may happen to enlist apprentices or Indented servants, not knowing them to be such, shall be entitled to receive the reasonable Expences attending their Enlistments.

Resolved, That the following recommendation be made public at the Coffee House of this City:

"In Committee of Safety.—May 7th, 1776.

"There being a very pressing necessity for a large Quantity of Lead for the public use, in the Defence now formed for the security of the Liberties of this Country, It is most earnestly recommended to all the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, to send in to Robert Towers, Commissary, for this purpose, all such Lead as they may have in use in their Families and about their Houses, such as draught weights, window weights & Clock Weights, and it is hoped that this requisition will be chearfully complied with, when every individual considers that he thereby does Essential service to his Country, and that Iron weights may be procured to supply his private convenience—The Liberal Price of six pence per pound will be allowed"

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At a special meeting of the Committee of Safety, ¼ after 5 o'Clock, P. M., 7th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Presid't.

Alex'r Wilcocks,	Daniel Roberdeau,
John Cadwalader,	George Clymer,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Owen Biddle,
John Nixon,	Samuel Howell,
Jos. Parker,	David Rittenhouse.
Samuel Morris, Jun'r,	

Resolved, That four Members of this Committee be appointed to repair immediately to Fort Island, or on Board the Province Ship, with full and ample power to enforce such orders as have already been Issued, or may Issue from this Board, to the Commanding officer of the Naval armament of this Province.

Resolved, That said Members be authorized, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to suspend any Officer or Officers of said armament that shall refuse obedience to the orders of said Commanding Officer; That if any suspension shall take place in consequence of this Resolve, the said Committee be empowered to appoint the next in command, or some proper officer, to perform the Dutys of those that are suspended.

Resolved, That the said Committee, in Conjunction with the Commanding Officer, be fully authorized to Issue such further orders to the Fleet as they may think necessary, in Consequence of any further information they may receive respecting the motions of the Enemy.

Resolved, That Colo. Cadwalader, Mr. Wilcocks, Mr. Mease, & Capt. Whyte, be appointed the Committee to perform the above services, and they, or any three of them, are hereby appointed and authorized to act as aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed this day to go to Fort Island, be authorized to direct two Row Boats to be constantly kept plying between Fort Island and the Pest House wharf, in order to give speedy Intelligence of any thing material that may happen.

That Mr. Owen Biddle be authorized to engage two Men with Horses to Ride express between this City and Province Island; that one to be station'd at the Island, and the other in this City, during the present alarm.

Resolved, That Mr. O. Biddle & Mr. Rittenhouse be requested to examine into the quantity & quality of shot now in store, and make report of the same to this Board.

That they contract with proper persons to supply this Board, for the use of the Province, with any quantity that they may think necessary to provide.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 8th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

ROB'T MORRIS, Vice Presid't.

John Nixon,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	David Rittenhouse,
Sam'l Howell,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
James Biddle,	Owen Biddle,
Geo. Gray,	Jos. Parker.
Andrew Allen,	

Upon information of Capt. Richard Peters, that Capt. Procter has enlisted a certain John Malcom, a Lock Maker, employed in the Manufactory in this City, By order of the Board, Capt. Procter was directed to send up the said Malcom to Capt. Peters, to be employed in the said Manufactory.

Resolved, That Capt. Robert Hardie be, and he is hereby appointed Captain of one Tier of Fire Rafts, and that his Commission be dated the 27th March last.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of John Diesler, Peter Brecht & Jno. Reithmeyer, for £108 15, being the amount of 150 Cartridge Boxes, Belts, &ca., made in Berks County, for the use of this Province, as certified by the Commissioners of said County, which ordered was this day deliv er'd Martin Housman.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Colo. Matlack, for two hundred Rifle Men, 23 Rounds of Powder & a proportionable quantity of Lead, and to deliver for the use of Capt. De Laney's Com'y 15 Cartridge Boxes, & Bayonet Belts.

Resolved, That the several Battalions of associators, be requested to parade on the Common this afternoon, to examine their arms & accoutrements, and see that every thing is in good order for action, If this Committee should find occasion to call them thereto—directed to the Commanding officer of the several Batt'ns of associators.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to send down to Chester for the use of the Provincial Troops, under the Command of Colo. Miles, sixty Firelocks.

Resolved, That Jacob Hiltsimer, who takes the above Firelocks down to Chester, be furnished with a Guard.

That Capt. Lloyd, or the Commanding officer of the Provincial Troops, furnish 6 Men for the above Guard.

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In Committee of Safety, 9th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Presid't.

Dan'l Roberdeau,	John Nixon,
Tho's Wharton, jun'r,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
James Biddle,	David Rittenhouse,
George Clymer,	George Gray,
Michael Hillegas,	Joseph Parker.
Samuel Howell,	

Resolved, That Capt. William Richards, be appointed Ships' Husband to the Naval armaments of this Province, and that he be allow'd —— ℔ annum for his services.

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse be desired immediately to procure a quantity of Cartridge paper for large Canon.

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, deliver to Mr. Thomas Heinberger, or his order, twenty hundred pounds Salt Petre, to be manufactured into Gunpowder, taking a receipt for the same.

Upon application of Thomas Heinberger for a sum of Money to be advanced him to assist compleating the Powder Mill he is now building, and Jacob Antony appearing and offering to be bound with the said Heinberger for the repayment of the sum that may lent,

Resolved, That this Board lend the said Thomas Heinberger the sum of one hundred pounds, and that the Committee of Accounts pay him the same, they taking a Bond of the said Heinberger & Antony.

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse & Mr. Owen Biddle be a committee to prepare Moulds for the casting of clock weights, and send them to some Iron Furnace, and order a sufficient number to be immediately made for the purpose of Exchanging them with the Inhabitants of this city for their Leaden Clock weights.

Resolved, That Mr. David Rittenhouse & Mr. Owen Biddle do engage immediately with proper Persons, to make the following quantities and qualities of shot, to be deliver'd to this Board with the greatest expedition, Vizt:

50 ton Round Shot, sorted to the different sized Canon now in use in this Province.
5 ton chain shot sorted.
5 ton Barr shot sorted.
10 ton Grape shot.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 10th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, Chair'n.

Robert Morris,
John Nixon,
Dan'l Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle,
David Rittenhouse,
Samuel Howell,
Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
George Clymer,
Henry Wynkoop.

Upon application of Mr. Henry Wynkoop for the payment of four Firelocks, purchased by him for the use of Congress, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. John Nixon & others, the Committee of Accounts, for £7 17 6, which is to be charged to arms purchased for account of Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Cuthbert & Mr. John Britton be desired to purchase four Old Flatts for Hulks for covering the Gondolas at the Chevaux de Frize, and that they draw on this Board for the cost.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Mr. Jno. Wilcocks, for two hundred & fifty pounds, to be charged to the Gun Lock Manufactory carrying on in this city.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon & others, the Committee of Accounts in favour of Mr. Jno. Mitchell, Commissary of Provisons, for five hundred pounds, to be charged to his account.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock.

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Agreeable to Adjournment, the following Members

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, j'r, Chair'n.

James Biddle,
George Gray,
Hen'y Wynkoop,
Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,
Dan'l Roberdeau,
Sam'l Morris.

Resolved, That 14 Barrels of 18s. Beer be sent down to the Gondolas, at the Expence of this Board, and that Mr. Sam'l Morris order the same to be put on board some Boat or Vessel for that purpose.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 11th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chair'n.

Dan'l Roberdeau,	Sam'l Howell,
George Clymer,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Henry Wynkoop,	Robert Whyte,
George Gray,	James Biddle.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r., and others, the Committee of Accounts, for sixty pounds, in favour of Messrs. Thomas Richardson & Levi Hollingsworth, which is to be Charged to their accounts, being so much advanced towards their expences in Transporting 20 Canon lent this Province by Congress, now at Rhoad Island.

Thomas Slater, Master, & John Peckham, Mate of the Brig't Betsy, who came from Virginia with said Vessel to the Roebuck Man-of-War, and taken by Capt. Charles Alexander, Commander of the Continental Schooner Wasp, near New Castle, was by order of the Board Committed to Gaol there, to be kept in safe custody 'till the further orders of this Committee.

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, send to Wilmington by one of the Stage Boats, Capt's Bush or Taylor, three quire of Canon Cartridge Paper, & three hundred weight of Gunpowder, to replace that quantity lent to the Gondolas by the Committee of that County.

By order of the Board, the following Resolves of Congress are enter'd on the Minutes:

"In Congress, 10th May, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That Lieut. Ball of the Roebuck, & the three seamen that were taken with him and are now Prisoners in the Lower Counties, be exchanged for Capt. Budden & his son, Seth Davis & Sam'l Conyers.

"That five of the seamen now Prisoners in the City of Philad'a, to be named by the Committee of Safety, may be given up in exchange for the following Persons, vizt:

"Mr. Lightboy, James Hage, ——— Fortescue, a Pilot Boy, William Martin, Jacob Wilson.

"That the said Exchange of Prisoners be conducted by such proper persons as the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania may appoint for that purpose.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y."

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In consequence of the above Resolution of Congress,

Resolved, that Capt. James Craig, be and he is hereby appointed to conduct the Exchange of Prisoners there proposed, and this Committee name James Spencer, Thomas Phillips, James Ogelvie, John Shad & Owen Humphreys, as the five persons to be exchang'd for Mr. Lightboy, James Hage, Fortescue, a Pilot Boy, William Martin & Jacob Wilson.

At the same time Capt. Craig, (by direction of Congress to this Board,) is desired to give in Exchange one other Prisoner in the Room of John Durry, now on Board the Roebuck.

A Letter was wrote to the Committee of Safety for the Lower Counties, requesting they would take measures for sending L't Ball & the Seamen, Prisoners at Dover, up to New Castle, to be deliver'd to Capt. Craig, to be conducted by him on board the Roebuck, in order to be exchanged, agreeable to the Resolves of Congress.

This Committee having made application to Congress for twenty pieces of heavy Canon, out of those taken at New Providence, for the defence of this Province, Robert Morris, Esq'r, deliver'd to the Board the following Resolves & Letter to Commodore Hopkins, Vizt:

"In Congress, 7th May, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That twenty of the heaviest Canon taken by Commodore Hopkins at New Providence, and brought from thence to New London, and since carried to Newport, be brought to the City of Philad'a and deliver'd to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, for the defence and protection of the said City, to remain there during the pleasure of Congress.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"Signed CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y."

"Sir:

"The Congress having by the foregoing Resolve, agreed to lend twenty of the heaviest Canon taken at Providence & carried to Rhode Island, to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania for the defence of this City, I have to desire you will immediately deliver the same to the person or Persons whom the said Committee send to receive and bring them hither.

"I am, Sir, your most humble Serv't,

Sign'd, "JOHN HANCOCK, Pres'dt.

"To Commodore EN. HOPKINS,
Or in his absence,
"To DAN'L TILLINGHAST."

"In Marine Committee.

PHILAD'A, 10th May, 1776.

"Sir:

"You will perceive by the foregoing, that Congress have ordered Twenty of the Canon you brought from Providence to be improv'd in Philad'a; And in order that the Benefit of that order may be realized as soon as possible, we direct that you order the said twenty Canon to be put on board the Fly, or any one other of your Vessels, and carried to New York, & direct the Commander of the Vessel to call on General Washington for his further proceeding, to whom we shall write on the subject; this to be effected in the best manner you can, but by no means to be done to the prejudice of more essential service. The Canon, however, must be sent as speedy as possible, by some conveyance that shall be judged best.

"We are, &ca.,

Signed, "JNO. HANCOCK,
"ROBERT MORRIS,
"R. ALEXANDER,
"JOSEPH HEWES,
"SAM'L HUNTINGTON.

"To Commodore E. HOPKINS."

In Consequence of the above Resolves & Letters of Congress, this Board came to the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Richardson & Mr. Levi Hollingsworth do, as soon as possible, proceed to New London & there apply for the Canon, should they be at that place; If not, That they then go to Newport & procure them, and apply for the Fly or any other armed Vessel to Transport them to New York or Brunswick, by the Sound; or if the Navigation should be interrupted by the Enemy's Vessels, that they are then to procure the Canon to be conveyed by Land to some Harbour in Connecticut, & from thence to be conveyed in any proper Vessel. Upon the whole, they are to procure the Canon to be brought to this place at all events.

That any sums that may be wanted to effect this service they are to draw on this Committee

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At a Special Meeting of the Committee of Safety, 11th May, 1776.

PRESENT.

ROBERT MORRIS, V. P.

Andrew Allen,	Jno. Cadwalader,
Jno. Nixon,	James Biddle,
James Mease,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	George Clymer.
Alex'r Wilcocks,	

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver the following ammunition, to be sent down to the Gondolas immediately, Vizt:

Shot—18	pounders,	500
24	do.	240
32	do.	60
Cartridges—18	do.	320
32	do.	25

Capt. Greenway was ordered to receive the following Powder, Shott & Wadds, & carry them down in the Pilot Boats to the Gondolas, and deliver them to the Senior Officer, Vizt:

From Rob't Towers,	500	shot,	18	pounders,
	240	do.	24	do.
	60	do.	32	do.
	320	Cartridges,	18	do.
	25	do.	32	do.
From Capt. Reed,	25	do.	32	do.
	164	do.	24	do.

And all the 24 & 32 pound shott on board his Ship or at Fort Island, Viz.:

From Capt. Falconer,	a quantity of Wadds,
Capt. Wickes,	ditto
Capt. Reed,	ditto
The Batterys,	ditto

In Committee of Safety, 13th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chair'n,

James Biddle,	Owen Biddle,
Robert Whyte,	Samuel Howell,
Jno. Cadwalader,	Dan'l Robendeau.

Resolved, That Capt. Whyte, Capt. Falconer, & Mr. James Wharton, settle with the several owners of the Shallops and Boats

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lately employed in the Public service, and draw orders for payment on Mr. Nixon and others, the Committee of accounts.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of John Cobourn, for two hundred pounds, being towards the payment of the men employed in sinking the Chevaux-de-Frize.

Resolved, That John Martin Strohbogh be appointed third Lieut. in the Artillery Company of this Province, he to produce a discharge from the Congress previous to his entering into this service.

Resolved, That the Members of this Board be noticed to meet precisely to-morrow morning at 9 O'Clock, on business of Importance.

Resolved, That Capt. Moulder & Mr. Tho's Fitzsimmons be desired to purchase two Convenient Vessels, the one for a Magazine, the other for a Provision or Store Vessel, & Man & fit them immediately, to be ready to attend the Fleet upon the orders of this Board, or the Commanding Officer. And that when they are in service, Richard Wells, with his Pilot Boat, be employed to ply between the said Vessels and the Fleet.

Resolved, That the Committee of Fire-Rafts be authorized to purchase a Convenient Vessel for quartering the Men belonging to the Fire-Rafts while down the River.

Resolved, That Capt. Hazelwood & Capt. Hervey, be appointed to survey the River from Billingsport to Fort Island.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 14th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chair'n.

Owen Biddle,	Joseph Parker,
Sam'l. Morris,	Samuel Howell,
Tho's Wharton, jun'r,	Robert Whyte,
James Biddle,	John Cadwalader.

The Congress sent yesterday to this Board the following Resolve, which is ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

"In Congress, 10th May, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Committee of Safety for Pennsylvania, to examine into the Conduct of the Gaoler who had the Charge & Custody of Moses Kirkland, and if they find him Culpable, that they have him removed.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y."

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Resolved, That George Gray, Sam'l Howell & Joseph Parker, be a Committee to enquire into the Complaint of Congress against Thomas Dewees Gaoler, & make Report to this Board.

Instructions to Mr. John Read, Commissary, Barrack-Master & Clerk of the Check at Fort Island, were this day read, approved, and order'd to be enter'd on the Minutes.

"*Instructions to Mr. John Read, Commissary, Barrack-Master & Clerk of the Check at Fort Island:*

"Sir:—In Consequence of your appointment to the Office of Commissary, Barrack Master & Clerk of the Check at Fort Island, by this Committee, you are hereby enjoined & required to perform the duties of the several offices committed to you with care & fidelity, & for your better information of the services expected from you in those Capacities, we have sent you the following Instructions, Vizt:

1st. "As Commissary you are to take an Inventary of all the Stores on Fort Island belonging to this Province, and enter it into a Book, noting carefully whose possession they are in, and the uses they are applied to.

2ndly. "All Stores that shall be Committed to your care, are to be kept an account of, and preserved by you in the best manner, only to be deliver'd by the Commanding Officer of Fort Island, or this Committee, and when deliver'd out, you to take a Receipt for the same.

3rdly "When the uses for which any of the Stores are deliver'd out are fully answered, the remainder are to be returned to you again for the use of the Province, and for which you are to be accountable.

"As Barrack Master:

1st. "You are to have the Barracks allways kept clean, and in order for the reception of any Troops or People that may be ordered to Fort Island by this Committee or the Assembly.

2ndly. "You are to see that the necessary furniture, bedding, and Cooking Utensils be provided for each appartment.

3rdly. "You are to assign the particular quarters which the Troops are to occupy, having a regard to the Interest of the Public and the convenience and health of the Men; for which purpose, not more than sixteen Men be station'd in each room while there is any vacant appartments, nor should they be suffered to occupy a greater portion of the Barracks at any time than is necessary for the purposes before mention'd, of which you are to be judge.

4thly. "When any Troops are first Quartered in the said Barracks, you are to take a Receipt from an Officer of the Company for all the Furniture and Cooking Utensils that you deliver to them, for which the whole Company are to be accountable you; and in

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case of any embezlement or wanton destruction of them, or any part of them, the Value thereof shall be stopped out of their pay, which is forfeit for the resupply of the same.

5thly. "The Keys of all the appartments while unoccupied are to be kept by you, and on any Troops quitting their quarters at the said Barracks, they are to deliver the Keys of the same to you.

6thly. "You are to purchase Fire Wood for all the Troops, Boatmen, & Workmen, that are employed in the Provincial service, at the cheapest rate you can, and portion it out to them in reasonable and sufficient quantities, taking care that it is not wasted unnecessarily, for which purpose the Commanding officer of the Island is to fix a Guard over it.

7thly. "Your order on John Nixon & others, the Committee of Accounts for this Board, for all necessary supplies of Fire Wood, for the purpose aforesaid, will be duly paid.

8thly. "On application to the sub-Committee of Fort Island for any of the stores, Furniture, Cooking Utensils, &ca, that may be necessary for the accommodation of the Troops, &ca, station'd at Fort Island, they will provide such part as they shall think proper and Usefull, and send it to your care, for which you are to be accountable.

"As Clerk of the Check:

"You are to keep a Regular Muster Roll of all the Workmen employed on Fort Island by order of this Committee, entering their Names and employments, Time at Work, and Wages per day, of which you are to make out a correct Copy, and return it Evening to the Superintendant appointed by the sub-Committee for Fort Island."

Resolved, That Capt. Heysham & Mr. Joseph Watkins be appointed a Committee to receive the directions of this Board, to carry into execution the making of Carriages for the different Canon that may be made or otherwise procured for the use of this Province.

Resolved, That the Officers of the Ship, Armed Boats, Floating & Land Battery, make report to this Board the quantity of Military stores they now have.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of Colo. Sam'l Atlee or his order, for five hundred pounds, for the use of the Musket Battalion in the service of this Province.

Whereas, several Gent'n have offered to form themselves into Companys of Volunteers, and whenever called upon in defence of this River, to enter into actual service on Board any armed Boat that shall be provided for them by this Committee, under their own officers.

Resolved, That this Board has a just sense of their spirited & patriotick offer, and Messrs Sam'l Howell, Thomas Wharton, & Owen

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Biddle, are appointed to confer with those Gent'n, receive their proposals, consider of the best means of employing them, and of the expediency of making any alterations in any of our armed Boats for the use of the said Volunteers, & consult Capt. Rice upon that subject, and that they make a Report to this Committee as soon as possible.

Resolved, That it appears necessary to build two Gallies for the protection of the Commerce in Delaware Bay, and that the above Committee procure the same to be built by Boat builders, with all possible dispatch.

Resolved, That it appears necessary to Fortify some part of the Jersey shore for the Defence of the River Delaware.

Resolved, That Colo. John Cadwalader apply to the Committee of Inspection & Observation to deliver the Rigging in their possession belonging to Joshua Fisher & Son, to Thomas Lawrence, Vendue Master, to be immediately sold at public Vendue, that this Committee may have an Opportunity of purchasing the same for the public service, and that this Committee will pay for the same, or be answerable for the payment when required.

Upon application to this Board from Colo. John Shee, he had permission to purchase Fire Arms from the non-Associators in this Province.

Upon application of the Marine Committee, orders was give to admit the sick Men from Capt. Wickes' ship into the Hospital at Province Island.

In Committee of Safety, 15th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

John Nixon,
James Mease,
James Biddle,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Alexander Wilcocks.

In Committee of Safety, 16th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

ALEXAN'R WILCOCKS, Chairman.

John Nixon,
Sam'l Howell,
Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
James Mease,
Sam'l Miles,
Dan'l Roberdeau,
Tho's Wharton, jun'r,
George Clymer,
James Biddle.

Resolved, That Mr. John Nixon be authorized to purchase any quantity of Beef & Pork that may be thought necessary for the use of this Province.

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In consequence of a Resolve of the 13th inst., Rob't Morris, Esq'r, a Member of Congress, acquaints this Board that it is agreeable to Congress that John Martin Stohlbogh should enter into the service of this Province.

Resolved, That Mr. James Wharton & Capt. Nath'l Falconer be authorized to examine a Number of 9 pound Canon, the property of Mr Ball, and if they think they are good & sufficient for service, That they then, at the Risque of the owner, prove the same, and purchase those that are good for the use of this Province.

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, supply a sufficient quantity of powder to prove the above mention'd Canon.

The following Resolves of Congress was sent by Rob't Morris, Esq'r, & ordered to be enter'd on the Minutes of this Board.

"In Congress, 15th May, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, be desired to write to the Committee of Safety of Delaware Government, to suspend the Execution of the Resolve of Congress for Exchanging Lieut. Ball for Captain Budden, 'till further orders.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"Sign'd CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y."

Agreeable to the above Resolve of Congress, Rob't Morris, Esq'r, in behalf of this Board, enclosed a copy of said Resolves to the Committee of Safety of the Lower counties, which is approved of by this Board.

Upon application of Colo. Sam'l Miles, for some Muskets for the use of Capt. Lloyd's Comp'y in the Musket Battalion of this Province, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver 12 firelocks & bayonets for the use aforesaid, he taking a receipt for the same.

Resolved, That Colo. Miles be authorized to procure a Smith's Bellows and Tools, proper for an Armourer to the Provincial Battalions in the service of this Province, and that he draw on this Board for the amount of what he may purchase for that purpose.

Resolved, That Commodore Caldwell be directed to give notice to the Commanding Officers of the Armed Boats, to attend this Board on Saturday Morning next, at 9 O'Clock.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver for the use of Capt. Procter's Company, twenty-seven Firelocks for the use of his Artillery.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, for five thousand pounds.

Resolved, That Mr. Nixon & Capt. Whyte, be requested to make enquiry and Report the quantity of ammunition that each Armed Boat was supplied with when they went down the River last week

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against the Ships of War, and what supplies they received afterwards from the Ship, Fort & Floating Battery, with the times and other Circumstances of the different supplies.

Resolved, That Mr. Clymer, Mr. James Biddle and Mr. Wilcocks, be a Committee to draw up a Memorial to Congress, respecting the procuring of Sulphur & Lead, and erecting Fortifications at Billingsport.

Resolved, that the Fort Island Committee be requested to give orders for the following articles to be procured for Fort Island, and to have a Furnace built for heating Shot.

A proof for Powder:

12 oz. Balls, to quilt Grape for 18 pounders.

Canon for block house.

Sods & Facines.

The Committee having already made known to the Inhabitants of this City the pressing occasion there is for a large quantity of Lead, to be employed in the defence of this Country, and requested them to spare for the public use the Various species of Leaden weights in their respective Families, The Committee, as the most easy & expeditious method of procuring such Lead, have appointed Thomas Neville, Frazer Kinsley, Jesse Roe, & John Derry, to go round the City, and receive it at the several Houses, they paying at the rate of 6d ℔ lb, as formerly specified, it being understood that the Clock weights are not at present Comprehended among them, as the weights to replace them are not yet made.

It is expected every virtuous Citizen will immediately and Chearfully Comply with this requisition, but if any Persons should be so lost to all sense of the public good as to refuse, a List of their names is directed to be returned to this Committee.

By order of the Board, a Letter was wrote to John Cox, Esq'r, requesting he would send to this City, by Waggons, all the Canon Ball he has made by order of this Board, and informing him that the difference between Land and Water Carriage shall be allowed him.

In Committee of Safety, 18th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEO. CLYMER, Chairman.

Robert Morris,	David Rittenhouse,
John Nixon,	Jno. Cadwalader,
Tho's Wharton, Jun'r,	Owen Biddle,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Dan'l Roberdeau,
Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,	Sam'l Howell,
Andrew Allen,	Joseph Parker.

By order of the Board, John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of acc'ts, were directed to pay Sam'l Allen three pounds for

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the Carriage of arms from Carlisle, sent by Mr. Culbertson, and to be charged to acco't of Congress.

By order of the Board, Capt. Richard Peters was desired to deliver to Mr. Kirk two Gun locks, receiving pay for them, they being for the use of Lieut. Finney, to compleat two Firelocks he got made for two Men in Colo. Atlee's Battalion in the service of this Province.

Capt. Heysham & Mr. Watkins having declined serving as a Committee, agreeable to their appointment by a Resolve of this Board of the 14th inst.,

Resolved, That Capt. Loxley & Mr. William Evans be a Committee to receive the directions of this Board, to carry into execution the making of Carriages for the different Canon that may be made or otherwise procured for the use of this Province, to employ in the said works such Tradesmen compitent to it, as are well effected to the common defence now making.

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Towers make up as soon as possible, five hundred thousand Musket Cartridges, and 300 Rounds for each heavy Canon now in use; that he fill up 300,000 of the former, & 100 of each of the latter.

Resolved, That a Commissary be appointed to purchase as large a quantity of salt Beef and Pork as he can procure, & to purchase such other articles of Provisions as he may be directed by this Board, in order to be stored, for the supply of any Troops that may be assembled for the immediate defence of this Province.

Resolved, That Colo. Miles & Colo. Roberdeau be a Committee to draw up a list of necessaries that they may judge necessary for supplying a large Body of Troops, that may suddenly assemble for the defence of this Province.

Resolved, That Mr. Nixon, Mr. James Biddle, Colo. Cadwalader, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Mease, Mr. O. Biddle, & Mr. Wilcocks, be a Committee to draw up a Memorial to the Honorable the assembly, stating the Conduct of this Committee in providing the Armed Boats with ammunition & Military Stores, and their orders and regulations for the defence of this Province and the River Delaware, upon the late attempt of the King's Ships to invade the same.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Jno. Wilcocks, for £500, to be charged to the Gun Lock Manufactory of this Province.

The Board Adjourned to 5 O'Clock.

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Agreeable to adjournment, the following Members Met, Vizt :

GEORGE CLYMER, Chair'n.

John Nixon,	Tho's Wharton, Jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,
John Cadwalader,	Daniel Roberdeau.
Samuel Howell,	

Upon application of Lieu't George Cuppaidge, Prisoner of War at Lebanon, in Lancaster County, for leave to remove from thence to York Town, in the County of York,

Resolved, That he be removed accordingly.

Resolved, That Colo. Samuel Miles be requested to employ as many of the Provincial Troops under his Command as he conveniently can, in cutting a quantity Fascines, informing this Board from time to time of the Number he may have procured.

In Committee of Safety, 20th May, 1776.

PRESENT :

JOHN NIXON, Ch'n.

Robert Morris,	John Cadwalader,
James Biddle,	Joseph Parker,
Thomas Wharton, J'r,	Alexander Wilcocks.
George Clymer,	

An order was this day drawn & signed by Rob't Morris, Esq'r. V. P., on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts. in favour of James Caldwell, for £174 6 1, being the amount of 57 Rifles & Firelocks, with the expences attending them, purchased by Sam'l Culbertson, of Cumberland County, which is to be charg'd to Firelocks purchased for account of Congress.

John Ryan, a Person taken some time since at Cape Henlopen, and intended to have been exchanged for some Person on Board the Roebuck, Man-of-War, was this day brought to this City, Capt. Craig, who went down with him and other Prisoners, to exchange, not being able to get on board said Ship, she having gone to sea, and this Board having been informed that the said Ryan was well acquainted with the River and Bay of Delaware, and that he was otherwise dangerous to the safety of this Province ; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Ryan be confined in the Gaol of this County till he be discharged by Congress or this Committee.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r. and others, the Committee of Accounts, for £90 5, which with 100 lbs. of Gun powder deliver'd by Mr. Towers the 10th inst., is in full for 461lbs. Salt Petre manufactured in Lancaster County, and deliver'd to Mr. Towers.

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Resolved, That Capt. Whyte & Capt. Hazlewood be requested to survey the Channel on the East side of the Barr opposite to Fort Island, and make report to this Board as soon as possible of such survey, and of the narrowest part of said Channel.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle be requested to procure 5 or 6 Waggons and send them to Doct'r Coxes' Iron Works in the Jerseys, to bring with all possible expedition, the Shot he made for account of this Committee.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on the Committee of Accounts for £50, in favor of Thomas Nevill, Jesse Roe, Frazer Kensley & John Derry, towards the payment of Lead weights to be collected by them for the use of this Province.

In Committee of Safety, 21st May, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chair'n.

George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	Sam'l Morris,
Owen Biddle,	John Cadwalader,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Daniel Roberdeau.

Upon application of Robert Towers for the payment of his account for sundry Arms, Lead, Sulphur, &ca, purchased and paid for by him on account of this Province; By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favor on Jno. Nixon and others, the Committee of Accounts, for £197 14 3, being the amount of said accounts.

Upon application of Mr. Henry Wynkoop, for a sum of Money to purchase Firelocks, By order of the Board, an order was drawn in favor of Gerardus Wynkoop for £100, which is directed to be charged to the said Henry Wynkoop, for arms to be purchased for account of Congress.

The following Memorial to Congress was this day drawn up, read and approved off, and deliver'd by Mr. James Mease to Mr. Rob't Morris:

"In Committee of Safety, 21st May, 1776.

"*To the Honorable the Continental Congress.*

"*The Memorial of the Committee of Safety of the Province of Pennsylvania, Shewing:*

"That the General Assembly of this Province, having appropriated large sums for the Defence and protection of the same, and of the River Delaware, this Committee, who were intrusted with the application thereof, caused thirteen Arm'd Boats or Gondolas to be built, equip'd and Manned, and have since built, fitted and Manned a large Ship, Floating Battery, several Guard Boats, and a great num-

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ber of Fire Rafts, erected Fortifications on deep Water Island, raised a large Artillery Company for their Defence, and sunk Chevaux-de-Frize in the Channel of the River; That the Assembly have raised two Battalions of Rifle Men and one of Musketry, station'd on the Banks of the River Delaware.

"That the Committee perceive, after all these exertions, greatly surpassing, as they believe, any that have been made on this Continent at an Expence merely Colonial, that their defence is still imperfect and far unequal in their Idea, to the probable Force that may soon be employed against this Colony.

"To give, therefore, additional security to this Province and City, and the navigation of the River and Bay of Delaware, the preservation of which must be of the highest importance to the Common Cause of the Colonies, This Committee conceive it necessary that some more Armed Boats or Gondolas, larger than those already built, capable of Navigating in Delaware Bay, and another Floating Battery, should immediately be build. They are also of opinion that some military works should be erected on the Eastern Shore of the River Delaware, and particularly at a place called Billingsport.

"That as the moneys granted by the Assembly for the purposes of Defence must soon be exhausted in supporting the large establishment of Seamen & Soldiers in the pay of this Province, and as the building, equipping, & manning the additional Floating Battery & armed Vessels, & erecting Fortifications on the Jersey Shore, will be too heavy a Burthen for this Province singly to bear, this Committee beg leave to call the attention of the Congress to these important objects, and pray their aid in directing those further Defences, and such other, as in their Wisdom, shall appear requisite, to be immediately undertaken and carried into Execution at the Continental Charge."

Instructions to Mr. William Richards were this day drawn up, read, approved of, and delivered him, and are as follows:

"To Mr. William Richards:

"You are hereby appointed Ships' Husband to the Pennsylvania Fleet, and empowered to do all such matters and things as may be necessary for the due execution of the said Office.

"You are to make known to all Commanders, and other officers employed in the said Fleet, that they are to apply through you for all stores and necessarys required for the service; you are to obtain from them an Inventary of all the articles they have on Board, and an Indent of such as they are in want of, both which you are carefully to preserve, as they may serve you in regulating any future supplies that may be called for; you are to procure the sundry articles of the best qualitys, each in its kind; and it is your particular duty to buy them on the best terms in your power; you are to take each Officer's receipt for the articles delivered to him, and

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you are to return the Bills or accounts for those you purchase for this Board, Certify'd by you that the quantities are what you receiv'd and the prices what you agreed for, not being dearer than the Current rates of each respective article at the time of purchase.

"You are empowered to inspect and enquire on the Board the Fleet at least once in every month, and as much oftener as you may think necessary, whether all stores and necessarys are taken proper care of, and not neglected, wasted or embezelled, and make Report according as you find, to this Board.

"This Board, being ever desirous of serving the Public faithfully, do recommend the most prudent economy in the Outfits and Supplies of the Fleet. They must have everything necessary, but avoid all expensive superfluitys, and in the purchase of what is wanted give a preference to such persons as are known to be Zealous Supporters of the American cause, dividing the business amongst as many of such as can be done with conveniency and consistently with the Public good.

On Motion,

"*Resolved*, That Colo. Miles be directed to detach from the Provincial Troops under his Command, a Working party of one hundred Men to Fort Island, to assist in carrying on the Fortifications there, the said party to be relieved by others as often as he may think proper, and they shall be allowed over and above their pay, a quart of 18s. Beer each working day.

"*Resolved*, That Mr. Samuel Howell be requested to keep for the use of this Province, the whole quantity of Salt that he has now for Sale, and that he be allowed 7s 6 ₱ bushel for the same.

"*Resolved*, That the above mention'd Salt be removed to Germantown as soon as possible, and there to be stored, under the care of the Committee of that Town.

"*Resolved*, That the report brought in by Colo. Roberdeau and Colo. Cadwalader, from the Officers appointed to try the Cartridges with which the associators are furnished, be printed in the different News papers, of this City, which is as follows:

"We, the subscribers, appointed by the Board of Officers of the Associators of the City & Liberties of Philad'a, for the purpose of examining the Cartridges deliver'd by the Commissary to the said Associators, have carefully examined the same, & find the weight of the Powder therein contained is two-fifth parts of the weight of the Ball. It appears clearly from experiment that the Powder is very good, that the above proportion is fully sufficient, and that more would be useless, if not dangerous.

"Sign'd, "T. MATLACK, Colo. R. B.
"FRAN'S WADE, Capt. 2nd Bat'n.
"FRAN'S GURNEY, Capt. 3rd Bat'n.
"WM. WILL, Capt. 1st Bat'n.

"dated PHILAD'A, 20th May, 1776."

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A letter was this day sent, by order of the Board, to Colo. Sam'l Miles, directing him to send L't Ball with an Officer, by Land, to this Committee, in order to his Paroles being taken, When he is to be sent to Germantown to reside.

By order of the Board, a Letter was this day wrote to Robert Morris, Esq'r, desiring he would apply to Congress for a quantity of Powder, for the use of this Province.

WM. GOVETT, Sec'ty.

In Committee of Safety, 22d May, 1776.

PRESENT:

Dan'l Roberdeau, George Clymer.
John Cadwalader,

In Committee of Safety, 23rd May, 1776.

PRESENT:

John Nixon, Dan'l Roberdeau,
James Biddle, George Gray,
Owen Biddle, George Clymer,
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r, Joseph Parker.
Sam'l Howell,

Resolved, That Mr. John Nixon be desired to write to Mr. Henry Wynkoop of Bucks County, to purchase 500 Barrels of Pork & as much Salt Beef as he can procure, for the use of this Province, in case of any sudden collection of the Associators or other Troops.

In Committee of Safety, 24th May.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chair'n.

John Nixon, David Rittenhouse,
Daniel Roberdeau, Joseph Parker,
John Cadwalader, Owen Biddle,
George Ross, Benja. Bartholomew,
Sam'l Morris, Jun'r, Samuel Howell.
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,

A Memorial to the Honorable House of assembly was this day read, approved of, and sent to the House, and is as follows:

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"To the Honorable the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of Pennsylvania in General Assembly Met:

"The Memorial of the Committee of Safety of the said Province, Shewing:

"That there being only Nine Members of the said Committee residing in this City who are not Members of Assembly, and several of the said Committee being Frequently out of Town on Public Business, it often happens that a Board cannot be got together, by which very important Matters are some time delayed, to the injury of the Public.

"The said Committee, therefore, beg leave to represent to your Honorable House the necessity of increasing the Number of this Committee immediately, by adding more Persons residing in this City."

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau & Colo. Nixon be a Committee to fix on a mode for speedily supplying the Associators in the different Counties with Cartridges, properly fitted to the Bore of each Firelock.

Resolved, That Mr. Wharton & Mr. Sam'l Morris be a Committee to direct the properly fitting the Four Flats, to be purchased as Hulks for a cover to the Armed Boats in time of action, at or near Fort Island.

Robert Morris, Esq'r, produced to the Committee a Copy of his Instructions to Mr. Caronio, dated 12th Feb'y & 1st March, respecting the sale of a Cargo of Provisions shipped by order of this Committee per the Brig't Dolphin, Capt. Prole, for St. Thomas's, consign'd to said Stephen Caronio, with orders to invest the Neat proceeds of said Cargo, the balance arising from her freight, and the Neat proceeds of a Cargo shipped to Porto Rico ℔ the Nancy, Capt. Montgomery, in Powder, Arms, &ca., all which he was directed to Return by the Brig't Nancy, Capt. Montgomery, for account of this Committee.

Mr. Morris also produced a letter from Mr. Caronio, dated at St. Thomas's, 30th April last, whereby it appears he had sold both Cargoes, and was receiving pay part in cash and part in produce of the West Indies; Therefore,

Resolved, That the whole Value of cash and goods shipped on Board said Brig't. Nancy, by Mr. Stephen Caronio, for account and Risque of this Committee, shall be accepted for the public account, and are at their Risque; and that said Mr. Caronio's bills for amount of what he so ships more than the Neat proceeds of the Brigantine Dolphin's Cargo, shall be accepted and paid.

Resolved, That the Memorial to Congress of the 21st inst., be reconsidered to-morrow Morning.

Resolved, That Mr. Jacob Howell be employed to go to the different Powder Mills employed by this Board, in order to this Com-

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mittees being informed of their state, and that Mr. Owen Biddle give him Instructions for that purpose.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. Jno. Nixon and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Robert Erwin, for Forty pounds, being towards the payment of Waggons bringing shot from Doct'r Coxe's Iron works.

Lieut. George Ball, belonging to the Roebuck Man-of-war, taken in a Pilot Boat at Cape Henlopen some time past, and now brought to this City, this day gave his parole, and was sent to Germantown to reside; a Letter at same time was wrote to Doct'r Bensell, desiring him to provide proper boarding for said Lieut. Ball.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 25th May, 1776

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chair'n.

George Clymer,	David Rittenhouse,
Samuel Howell,	Daniel Roberdeau,
John Nixon,	Samuel Morris,
Joseph Parker,	Owen Biddle,
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,	John Cadwalader.
George Gray,	

Resolved, That Commissary Towers be authorized to apply to the Congress, on behalf of this Committee, for half a Ton of Powder for proving Canon.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Capt. Loxley 5 quarter casks of Gunpowder, for proving 16 Canon belonging to Mr. Ball, which this Board is about purchasing.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Tho's Nevill, for one hundred pounds, which is to be charged to him and others appointed for purchasing Lead for the use of this Province.

Upon application of Colo. Samuel Miles for a sum of Money for the use of himself and Colo. Slough, for the service of the Provincial Battalions, By order of the Board, an order was drawn in favour of Colo. Miles, for the use of Colo. Slough, on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, for two thousand pounds; & one other order, in favour of Colo. Miles, for one thousand pounds.

Resolved, That Mr. William Rush be authorized and directed to procure a sufficient Number of Locks, Bars & Bolts, immediately to be made, for effectually securing the Doors in the New Gaol of this City, where the Prisoners from Carolina are confined, agreeable to the order of the Congress, by this Committee.

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The following commitment was Issued by order of the Board, for the Confinement of the several persons therein mention'd, lately taken Prisoners in North Carolina, and sent from thence by the Committee of Safety of that Province, and ordered into close confinement by Congress, Viz't:

"In Committee of Safety, 25th May, 1776.

"*To the Keeper of the Gaol of Philadelphia County:*

"You are hereby required to receive in to your Custody Brigadier Gen'l Donald McDonald, Colo. Allen McDonald, of Kingsbrough, Major Alexander McDonald, (Coudrach,) Alexander McDonald, son of Kingsbrough, Capt. James McDonald, Capt. John McDonald, Capt. Agnus McDonald, Capt. Alexander McKay, Capt. Alexander McCleod, Capt. Murdoc McAskell, Capt. Niel McArthur, Capt. John McLeod, Capt. Tho's Weir, Capt. John McKinzie, Lieu't John Murchison, Kennith McDonald, Aid-de-Camp, Murdock McLeod, Surgeon, John Smith, Adjutant General, Donald McCleod, Quarter Master, John Bathune, Chaplain, Forguard Campbell, Colo. Thomas Rutherford, & Michael Holt, lately taken Prisoners in North Carolina, & them safely keep in close confinement, untill discharged by the Hon'ble Congress or this Committee.

"Sign'd by order of the Committee.

"JAMES BIDDLE."

Resolved, That Colo. John Shee be desired to furnish an Officer's Guard, for the protection of the New Gaol, and for the better security of the North Carolina Prisoners during their confinement there.

A letter was this day receiv'd from Commodore Caldwell, informing this Board that his bad state of health prevents a proper application of his time to the public services, therefore begs leave to Resign his appointment.

Resolved, That the resignation of Commodore Caldwell, be & it is hereby accepted.

Resolved, That Mr. James Biddle & Mr. Owen Biddle, be desired to look out for proper stores in Germantown, that will contain the the Salt Petre and other articles that may be thought necessary to send out of this City, for a greater security of them, in case of any attack on this City.

Resolved, That all persons possessed of Muskets belonging to this Province, that were distributed during the late Indian War, be desired to deliver the same to Colo. John Shee, or his order, for the purpose of arming his Battalion, and his receipt, or that of the person empowered by him to collect the same, will prevent any future demands on those persons who may upon this Occasion deliver up the said arms.

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Colo. Roberdeau, appointed to wait on the Congress and acquaint them that the Prisoners from North Carolina were ordered to be confined in Gaol and a Guard to be placed over them, and to know whether they were to have the allowance ordered to Officers Prisoners of War, Reports that the Congress directs they should be considered and provided for as Officers.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 27th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chair'n.

John Cadwalader,	John Nixon,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Robert Whyte,
Joseph Parker,	George Ross.

The following Memorial to the Assembly was this day approved of, signed by the Chairman, & sent to the House:

"*To the Honorable the Representatives of the Free Men of the Province of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly Met:*

"*The Memorial of the Committee of Safety of the said Province, Shewing:*

"That about the beginning of this Month, this Committee being advised that two of the King's Ships which for some time before, near Cape Henlopen, infested the trade of this Colony, had alter'd their stations there, and were proceeding up the River Delaware, they Issued orders to the officers of the armed Boats or Gondolas to stop their Progress; that in the engagements that succeeded it, some are of opinion that it was in the power of the Gondolas to have taken or destroyed the Roebuck of 44 Guns, one of the said Ships; but this was not done, and she return'd down the River to her former station. In a Variety of Opinions respecting the causes of the miscarriage, the Commanders of the Boats have, in a publication, attributed it to the Misconduct of this Committee, in not furnishing them with sufficient quantities of ammunition; by this accusation, the Committee have been in some Measure, rendered parties, Request your Honorable House will take the premises into consideration, and promote such an enquiry as shall satisfy the public where the blame & Misconduct is justly chargeable, and whatever shall be the determination respecting them, they will chearfully acquiesce in it."

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favor of Messrs. Biddle, Rittenhouse and DeHaven, for Eighty pounds five shillings, being

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the amount of 321¼ lbs. of Salt Petre manufactured at the Provincial Works in this City.*

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favor of Capt Wm. Richards, for four hundred pounds, to be charged to his account.

Resolved, That William Watkins be appointed Captain to one of the Guard Boats, &ca.

Resolved, That Robert Tatnall be appointed Captain to one of the Guard Boats, &ca., and his appointment to take place to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee meet to-morrow Evening at 7 o'clock, to consider of a proper Person to be appointed Commodore to the Fleet, and to take under consideration the Naval Armaments of this Province.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 28th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chair'n.

Samuel Miles,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	Henry Wynkoop,
John Cadwalader,	Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,	Robert Whyte,
Samuel Howell,	

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Timothy Shaler for two pounds, being the amount of his account against some of the Prisoners taken by Capt. Barry, which is directed to be Charged to account of Congress.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver, for the use of the Block House at Fort Island, 10 gun carriages & 200 six-pound shot.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Robert Towers, for £69 18 9, being the amount of his account for Lead, Salt Petre, Arms, &ca.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Colo. Miles, for the use of Colo. Matthias Slough, for one thousand pounds, being for the service of the Provincial Battalions.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of John M. Nesbitt, for two thousand five hundred Pounds.

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John Legate, one of the Prisoners taken in North Carolina, and left sick on the Road, was brought this day to the City, and, by order of the Board, was ordered to be confined with the others in the Gaol of this county

A letter being receiv'd from Mr. Mark Bird, signifying his willingness to purchase, or have made, in Berks County, one hundred Muskets for this Committee, provided he is supplied with a sufficient sum of money for that purpose, and an order on the Commissioners & Assessors of said County, to deliver him all the Muskets which have been made under their direction, agreeable to a resolve of Assembly, upon paying them the first cost of the same; Therefore,

Resolved, That the said offer be accepted, & that the sum of Four Hundred pounds be furnish'd to the said Mark Bird, for the purpose of purchasing & having made 100 Muskets, with Bayonets, agreeable to the pattern sent to the said Commissioners & Assessors, and that the said Commissioners be required to deliver him all the arms which they have procured as aforesaid, on his paying for the same, which are to be replaced by them as soon as possible by new ones, which they are to have made agreeable to said Pattern. Agreeable to the above Resolve, and for the uses therein mentioned,

An order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Mark Bird, Esq'r, for four hundred & twenty pounds.

Resolved, That Martin Wert be appointed Master of the ammunition Vessel, at five pounds per Month & two Rations.

That James Simpson be appointed Master of the Provision Vessel, at five pounds ℔ Month & two Rations.

That Mr. Fitzsimmons & Capt. Moulder, be requested to cause the said Vessels to be immediately equip'd for service, & Man them with one Mate to each, at 12 doll'rs ℔ month, & 1 Ration of Provisions, who is to do the Duty of a Clerk, and keep an exact account of all Stores receiv'd on Board and deliver'd out, and to whom; and five Men to the ammunition Vessel, and three to the provision Vessel, at Seven Dollars per Month and one Ration each, and to provide a four Oar'd Boat for each of the said Vessels.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Samuel Morris, jun'r, for £4 10, being for Waggon Hire bringing the Baggage of the Carolina Prisoners; which Mr. Morris paid, and is directed to be charged to account of Congress.

Resolved, That Jeremiah Simmons, now Lieutenant, be and he is hereby appointed Captain Lieutenant of the Artillery Company in the service of this Province, and that his Commission as such, be dated at the time of his first entering into that service, being the 24th February last.

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Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle & Colo. Roberdeau, be authorized to procure to be made ;

2,000 hand Grenades.
100 Spades.
500 Shovels.
150 Pitching axes.
150 Pick axes.
25 Grubing Hoes.
50 Wheel Barrows.
150 hand Barrows.
200 Hatchets.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on the Committee of Accounts in favor of John Lewis, for £3 7 9, for repairing Muskets purchased for account of Congress, which sum is directed to be charged to account of Congress.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver Colo. Atlee the 56 Firelocks receiv'd from Northampton County, and all the arms, with accoutrements, belonging to the Province, that he now has in his possession, for the use of the Provincial Musket Battalion.

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Agreeable to a Resolve of Yesterday, the following Members Met this Evening :

JAMES BIDDLE, Chair'n.

John Cadwalader,	Samuel Howell,
John Nixon,	Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r.

The following Resolve of Assembly was handed this Board by Samuel Howell, Esq'r :

"In Assembly, 28th May, 1776.

"On Motion,

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety be directed to lay before this House, as soon as possible, an account of the preperations of every kind already made, or now making by them, for the defence of this Colony.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, PETER EVANS,
"Clerk of Assem'y."

Resolved, That Mr. Wharton & Mr. Mease be a Committee to draw up an account of the Military preperations in this Province, in order to its being laid before the Assembly to their Resolve of this day.

Resolved, That the Fire Sloop be manned with

1 Captain, & that he be allowed 26⅔ Dollars ⅌ month & 3 Rations.

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1 Lieutenant, & that he be allowed 18 Dollars ℔ mon. & 2 Rations.

2 Men, to be allowed 7 Doll'rs ℔ mon. & 4 doll'rs bounty each.

That in time of Service the said Sloop be manned by Voluntiers from the Fleet.

That the Officers & Men belonging to the Fire Sloop and Guard Boats & Fire Rafts, draw their Rations from the Commissary.

That each Guard Boat be manned with

1 Captain, & that he be allowed 26⅔ Dollars ℔ month & 3 Rations.

1 Gunner, & that he be allowed 10 ditto ℔ month.

11 Privates, & that they be allowed 7 ditto ℔ do. & 4 doll'rs bounty each.

Resolved, That Messrs. Moulder & Fitzsimmons be authorized to purchase & fit up two Shallops for the accommodation of the Officers and Men of the Guard Boats, each Vessel to accommodate about 40 Persons.

Resolved, That Capt. James Montgomery be directed to attend this Board to-morrow, to answer his changing his Boat without leave of this Board.

In Committee of Safety, 29th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

John Nixon,	John Cadwalader,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert Whyte,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r.

Capt. Montgomery appear'd this day, agreeable to orders, and acquaints this Board that the reason of his removing from his Boat was in Consequence of leave obtain'd from the Commodore, and now applies to have such charge confirm'd; Therefore,

Resolved, That he, the said Capt. James Montgomery, take the Command of the Chatham in the Room of the Ranger Armed Boats.

Capt. Crawford, a Prisoner taken at St. Johns', appear'd at this Board, and begs to be indulged with a few days' stay in this City, which was granted him, on his giving his word of Honour that he would conduct himself with propriety during his stay.

Upon application of Robert Morris, Esq'r, for the payment of an order drawn on this Committee in his favour, by Stephen Ceronio, and in Consequence of a Resolve of this Board at the 24th inst., By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, for the payment of said order, Amounting to nine thousand Dollars.

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The following Instructions to Capt. Read for the better Government of the Navy now under his Command, was this day drawn up, approved of, and sent him:

"Sir:

"We think it proper to acquaint you that Commodore Caldwell has, by his letter of the 27th Inst., resign'd the Command of the Fleet, as his ill state of health will not admit of his giving that attendance which the critical situation of Public affairs require.

"The Chief command of the Fleet, consequently, for the present devolves upon you, and you are hereby directed to see all the orders fromthisBoard or from the Assembly strictly executed. As there is the greatest Reason to apprehend an immediate attack, we think it absolutely necessary that the whole Fleet under your command be in constant readiness.

"The Barracks on Fort Island being now ready for the accommodation of the officers belonging to the Boats, you are directed to order all the Boats to be station'd at Fort Island. No officers of the Fleet are to absent themselves without your leave or the leave of the Commanding officer, and you are not to suffer more than two officers to be absent at one time without some evident necessity, taking particular care that such officers return punctually at the time mention'd in his leave of absence. No officer of the Fleet is to lye out of his Boat, or other Vessel to which he belongs, without your leave or the leave of the Commanding Officer.

"As the safety of this city & Province depends chiefly upon the armament under your command, we direct you to pay the strictest attention to the duties of your important station, and to establish such Regulations as will conduce to promote good order and discipline, without which no military establishment can long subsist."

The Committee appointed to consider of a proper mode of providing Cartridges for the different Bores of Firelocks in the hands of the Associators, Report that the practice of our Commissary, upon the authority of Books, is $\frac{2}{5}$ of the weight of each Ball to a charge of Powder, which proportion has been ascertain'd by actual experiment, as lately reported by a Committee appointed out of the Battalions in this city, as published in the public prints adopted by this Board and enter'd on our Minutes.

That this proportion reduced to different bores, is as follows:

	dwt.	grs.
A Ball, 13 to the shell.	9	20
15	8	12
17	7	12
19	6	16
21	6	2
24	5	8
30	4	6

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That in order to Ascertain the Numbers and sizes of each Musket through the several Battalions in the Province, for the Government of our Commissary in making up Cartridges, We take the liberty to recommend to this Board to furnish the Committee of each County with one or two sets of punches, to mark 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 10; also, with as many sets of Formers as will answer to the above seven sizes; That each Committee appoint to each Battalion a person to size the Guns and mark each size on the Breech-pin or on the lower end of the barrel.

That each Colonel Issue orders to the respective Captains or Commanding Officer in each Company in his Battalion, to send an exact account of the number of good Firelocks in their several Companies, with the sizes of them, which shall be entered by the Colonel in a book to be kept by each Regiment, to be denominated the Size Book, after the following method:

Capt. A. B's Company of the ( ) Battalion of Associators in ( ) County.

Balls to the pound.		Firelocks of each size.
13		9
15		9
17		7
19		10
21		11
24		15
30		15
	Total,	76

As soon as the sizes are obtained, they must be immediately transmitted to our Commissary, and any increase in the number of Firelocks to each Battalion reported from time to time, that the number of good Firelocks in each Battalion may be always known, and that quantities of Cartridges suited to each Bore may be constantly furnished, tied up in bundles, and marked with the respective sizes.

Resolved, That the above report be confirmed and ordered to be printed, and Copies sent to the several County Committees, to furnish their Colonels of the respective Battalions.

Resolved, That the above Report be approved of, and that 200 Copies be printed, to be sent to the Committees of the different Counties.

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Resolved, That Commissary Towers be ordered immediately to provide 44 sets of Formers, and as many sets of punches, for sizing & marking the Firelocks of the Associators, to be immediately sent to the Committees of Inspection and Observation of the different Counties in this Province.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 30th May, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

John Nixon,	Owen Biddle,
George Clymer,	John Cadwalader,
Samuel Howell,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
James Biddle,	James Mease.

Upon application of Robert Morris, Esq'r, The Board gave orders to Lieut. Hume, of the armed Boat Ranger, to send two Men on Board a Pilot Boat going down the Bay on public service.

Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver one Ton of Crude Sulphur to Messrs. Bedwell & Walter, for refining.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of accounts, for Ten Thousand pounds.

Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Mr. William Thomson, or his order, One Ton of Salt Petre and a proportionable quantity of Sulphur, for working up into Gunpowder, at his Mill in Warwick Township, Bucks County.

Resolved, That the representation made to this Committee from the Committee Men of the Borough & Township of Bristol, in Bucks County, be sent up immediately to the Honorable House of Assembly, as the matters contained in it appears very important and proper for the notice of that House.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A. 31st May, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

John Nixon,	David Rittenhouse,
Sam'l Morris, jun'r,	Owen Biddle,
James Biddle,	Alexander Wilcocks,
Samuel Howell,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of accounts, for £44 10, which with 50 lb. of Gunpowder, ordered to be delivered him by Rob't Towers, Commissary, is in full of 228 lb. of Salt petre manufactured in this Province and receiv'd by Mr. Towers.

Some days past the Honorable Continental Congress sent the following Resolve to this Board, which is ordered to be enter'd on the Minutes:

"In Congress, April 3rd, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That every person intending to set forth and fit out a private Ship or Vessel of War, and applying for a Commission or Letters of Marque and reprisal for that purpose, shall produce a writing, subscribed by him, containing the name and Tonage or Burthen of the Ship or Vessel, the Number of her Guns, with their weight of Metal, the name and place of residence of the Owner or Owners, the Names of the Commander and other Officers, the Number of the Crew & the quantity of Provisions and Warlike Stores, which writing shall be delivered to the Secretary of Congress, or to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Convention, or Council, or Committee of Safety of the Colony in which the Ship or Vessel shall be, to be transmitted to the said Secretary, and shall be register'd by him."

"And that the Commander of the Ship or Vessel, before the Commission or Letters of Marque and reprisal may be granted, shall, together with sufficient sureties, seal and deliver a Bond, in the penalty of five thousand Dollars, if the Vessel be of one hundred Tons or under, or ten Thousand Dollars, if of greater Burthen, payable to the president of the Congress in Trust, for the use of the united Colonies, with Condition in the form following, to Wit:

"The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden who is Commander of the called belonging to of in the Colony of mounting Carriage Guns, and navigated by Men, and who hath applied for a Commission

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or Letters of Marque & Reprisal, to arm, equip, and set forth to sea the said as a private Ship of War, and to make Captures of British Vessels and Cargoes, shall not exceed or transgress the powers and authorities which shall be contained in the said Commission, but shall in all things Observe and Conduct himself and govern his Crew, by and according to the same, and certain Instructions therewith to be delivered, and such other Instructions as may hereafter be given to him, and shall make reperation for all damages sustain'd by any misconduct or unwarrantable proceedings of himself, or the Officers or Crew of the said Then this Obligation shall be Void, or else remain in Force."

"Sealed and deliver'd
in presence of

"Which Bond shall be lodged with the said Secretary of Congress.

"By Order of Congress.

"Sign'd, JOHN HANCOCK, President."

The following Resolve of Congress was this day deliver'd to the Board, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

"IN CONGRESS, 25th May, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the disposition of the Prisoners sent from North Carolina, as made by the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, is approved, and that the said Prisoners have the allowance ordered to Officers.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'ty."

Resolved, That Capt. Loxley & Mr. William Evans be authorized to procure Timber for the following Number of Carriages:

for 30,	18 pound Carriages.
30,	12 ditto.
20,	9 ditto.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of accounts, for £200, and Ordered to be charged to the account of Thomas Nevill, and others, appointed to collect Lead for the use of this Province.

In Consequence of a Resolve of Congress of the 3rd April last, By order of the Board, a Commission was granted for the Schooner Mars, Norris Copper, M'r, owned by Mr. John Wilcocks, & Messrs. Jno. and Peter Chevalier, and a Bond taken agreeable to said Resolve,

A Letter was this day wrote to Messrs. Levi Hollingsworth & Thomas Richardson, and directed to them at Newport, Rhoad Island, Inclosing the following Resolves of Congress:

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"In Congress, 30th May, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That six of the heaviest Canon at Newport, & fourteen of the heaviest Canon at New London, belonging to the Continent, be transported to Philadelphia as soon as possible.

"That a Copy of the above Resolution be transmitted to the Governors of Rhode Island and Conecticut.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHAS. THOMSON, Sect'y."

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 1st June, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

Samuel Howell,	Owen Biddle,
John Nixon,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,
James Biddle,	Samuel Morris, Jun'r.
Joseph Parker,	

Resolved, That Capt. John Hazelwood construct and immediately employ Persons for building an additional Guard Boat, for the use of this Province.

Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Thomas Apty two pounds Gunpowder, for clearing the Work House.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of William Montgomery, for one hundred pounds, to be charged to his account; and an order on Robert Towers, in his favour, for Fifty Pounds of Gunpowder, for Exchanging for Salt Petre.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Messrs. Th's Fitzsimmons and Joseph Moulder, for five hundred & fourteen pounds, to be charged to their accounts.

Resolved, That Colo. Wm. Montgomery purchase for the use of the Associators, in Chester County, a Quantity of Lead, and that he draw on this Board for the amount.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Jno. Wilcocks and others, appointed to pay for Firelocks, and for the use of the Gun Lock Manufactory, for five hundred pounds.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle be requested to procure, properly sorted, so many Canon shot as will encrease the last order to three hundred Tons.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of accounts, in favour of John

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Patton, Esq'r, for five hundred pounds, being towards the payment of Canon Ball he has engaged to furnish this Board.

Resolved, That Capt. Charles Lawrence go as soon as possible down to Lewis Town with two of the Guard Boats, and that he deliver one of them to Mr. Henry Fisher, to be employed for the defence of the Commerce of the Bay of Delaware.

That Capt. Lawrence immediately upon his delivering said Boat to Mr. Fisher, that he, with the utmost expedition, return to this City with all his hands.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 3d June, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Barnard Dougherty,
James Biddle,	Samuel Hunter,
George Clymer,	Owen Biddle,
John Nixon,	Joseph Parker,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.

Resolved, That each Galley in the service of this Province, be supplied with a small convenient Iron hearth, and that this regulation supercede the former orders to procure a Vessel for cooking in.

Upon application of Barnard Dougherty, Esq'r, for a sum of Money for the payment of Firelocks, engaged by him for the use of Bedford County, agreeable to a Resolve of this Board of the 1st April last,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour, on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, for £150, for that purpose.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Daniel Lukens two Waggon Load of Brimstone, to be sent to Germantown to be stored there.

Resolved, That this Board go into the consideration of the appointment of a Commodore to the Naval armaments of this Province on Wednesday next, and that the Members be noticed to attend on that day at 9 O'Clock in the Morning.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Thomas Heinberger five hundred weight of Brimstone, to be manufactured into Gun Powder.

Resolved, That Mr. John Britton & Mr. Thomas Cuthbert, be desired to prepare the Flatts purchased for Hulks, by fitting them immediately with coarse, ordinary Hay and light Timber, agreeable to particular directions, accompanying this Resolve, and to purchase the necessary anchors and Cables to moor them at their respective stations.

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Resolved, That the Men employed in the service of this Province on board the Naval armaments thereof, be Allowed the following Wages to cemmence the first of this month :

Seamen, three pounds ℔ Month.

Landsmen, Fifty shillings per Month.

Resolved, That two additional arm'd Boats or Gondolas be immediately built.

That Major Sam'l. Mifflin, Capt. Nath'l Falconer & Capt. James Craig, jun'r, be requested to superintend the Building of the Boats.

That the said Gentlemen be requested to superintend the Building the two Gondolas ordered for the Bay service.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, for one hundred and fifty pounds, to be charged to his account.

Resolved, That Mr. John Mitchell Continue Victualling the Officers and Men employed on Board the Naval Armaments and Artillery Company, in the service of this Province, from the 11th inst. to the 11th of Sept'r next, at the same price of his former contract with this Board.

"In Committee of Safety,

Philad'a, 4th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

Samuel Howell,	David Rittenhouse,
George Clymer,	John Cadwalader,
John Nixon,	Joseph Parker,
George Gray,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	Owen Biddle,
Sam'l Morris, jun'r,	Robert Whyte.

Upon application of Mr. Thomas Mendenhall, for a sum of Money to be lent him to assist his carrying on the making of Salt Petre,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favor of said Mendenhall, for £50, payable in Salt Petre, twelve months from the date hereof.

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In Committee of Safety, 7th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chair'n.

Samuel Miles,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Sam'l Howell,
James Mease,	Owen Biddle,
Robert Whyte,	John Montgomery.
George Clymer,	

Capt. Thomas Read's Letter of 5th June was this day read, wherein he desires to resign his Command of the Ship Montgomery, having been recommended to the Command of a Continental Frigate.

Resolved, That this Board agree to his Resignation.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favor of Colo. Sam'l Miles, or his order, for three thousand pounds, for the use of the Provincial Battalions, which is directed to be Charged to the account of this Board.

Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Bedwill & Walter, One Ton of Crude Sulphur for refining.

Upon application of Mr. Allen Cameron, to be put into the same Room with General McDonald, the Gaoler was directed to confine him in that Room, if agreeable to the General.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle employ Mr. Jacob S. Howell to purchase some tow or Hemp Linnen, for bed cases for the use of the Pest House, and that he have the same made up, with a Bolster case to each.

Sachervil Wood exhibited his account against Congress, for supplying the Continental Prisoners confined in the Gaol of this County up to this day, amounting to £70 4 8, which account was approved of & sign'd by the Chairman.

The two following resolves of Congress are ordered to be enter'd on the Minutes of this Board:

"In Congress, May 29th, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That Midshipman Draper be offered in Exchange for Captain William Budden.

"June 4th, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania be empowered to negociate with Captain Bellew, on the best terms they can, for an exchange of the Prisoners on Board the Liverpool, provided always, that this shall not be construed so as to enable them to deliver up Lieut. Bogard & Lieutenant Ball in the Exchange.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd, CHA'S THOMSON, Sec'y."

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In Consequence of the above Resolve of Congress of 29th May, a Letter was wrote to Doct'r Bensell, of Germantown, desiring that Mr. Draper may be suffered to come to this City with Capt. Budden, in order to his being exchanged.

Captain William Brown being appointed by this Board to go on Board the Liverpool Man-of-War, the following instructions were sign'd by the Chairman and deliver'd him:

"You are to proceed with Mr. William Budden & Mr. John Draper, on Board the Liverpool Ship-of-War, and deliver Mr. Draper in exchange for Mr. Budden and his son, and treat with Capt. Bellew for a further Exchange of Prisoners, observing that this Committee are not impowered to offer either Lt. Ball or Lieut. Boger to be exchanged. It cannot be expected that the seamen taken Prisoners, belonging to the King's Ships, can be render'd back in Exchange upon equal terms for Mariners who are taken in Merchant Ships, or Coasting Vessels, much less for Passengers or other Inhabitants that may be made Captive, who ought to be set on shore, as is the Custom of War; you are therefore carefully to attend to these distinctions, and procure such proposals from Capt. Bellew as this Committee can accept of, and which may serve as a Basis for future Exchanges."

The Commanding officer of the Fleet had this day orders to suffer the Marine Comp'y on Board the Provincial Ship to be entirely under the Command of their own Officers.

Pursuant to a Resolve of Congress of the fourth day of June, inst., impowering this Committee to negotiate with Capt. Bellew for an Exchange of Prisoners on Board the Liverpool, Capt. Wm. Brown is authorized and appointed to take Mr. John Draper, Midshipman of the Liverpool, on board the said Ship, in exchange for Mr. William Budden and his son, and to treat with Capt. Bellew for the Exchange of such other Prisoners as are on Board the said Ship.

In Committee of Safety, 8th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chair'n.

John Nixon,	Owen Biddle,
James Mease,	Samuel Howell,
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,	Samuel Morris, Jun'r.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Fitzsimmons & Moulder, for £375, which is directed to be charged to their account.

Resolved, That Mr. James Biddle and Mr. Owen Biddle be authorized to agree for a sufficient number of Store Houses in Ger-

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mantown, to contain the Salt, Salt Petre, and other articles belonging to the Province, that may be thought necessary to send there for their better security.

That they be authorized to apply to Robert Towers, Commiss'y, who is directed to deliver any articles that he may have in Store belonging to the Province, for the purpose aforesaid.

That they employ a Proper Person at Germantown to receive and store the different Articles that may be sent there, and to deliver them out agreeable to the orders of this Board.

That they employ Waggons to take the said Articles to Germantown.

John Montgomery, Esq'r, exhibited an account from the Committee of Correspondence, & the Commissioners of Cumberland County, amounting to £343 16 1, being the amount of 46 quarter Casks and 359 lbs Powder, 41 2 0 of Lead, & 336¼ lbs Lead, & 1421 Flints, with the charges thereon, purchased for account of this Province, (310 lbs of the above powder was sent to Westmoreland County, and 90 pounds deliver'd to the Indian Commissioners,) which sum was directed to be paid by the Committee of accounts.

On an application from the Committee of Westmoreland County that the ammunition belonging to the Public, left in the care of Robert Hanna, Esq'r, be applied for the defence of the Frontiers of this Colony,

Resolved, That the said Committee be authorized to receive from Robert Hanna, Esq'r, all the Ammunition belonging to the Publick that he has in his care, which ammunition they are to dispose of in such way as will best conduce to the safety of the said County, and the said Robert Hanna, Esq'r, is hereby required to deliver it to the said Committee or their order.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 10th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chair'n.

Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	George Ross,
Joseph Parker,	Robert Whyte,
John Nixon,	James Biddle.
Owen Biddle,	

Resolved, That the Master of the Shallop for quartering the Men belonging to the Fire Rafts, be allowed five pounds per Month.

That the Steward to said Boat be allowed 10 doll'rs ℔ Mon.

By order of the Board, Robert Morris, Esq'r, was applied to for four tons of Gun Powder to fill up 60 Cartridges for the Boats, and

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if Congress required, this Board will return the like Quantity from the Cartridges now in the Boat.

Upon application of Colo. Francis for a Quarter Cask of Gunpowder for the use of his Battalion of Rifle Associators,

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver him one Quarter Cask of Powder.

Captain Richards having furnish'd a list of such necessaries as may be wanted by the Boats in time of Engagement,

Resolved, that the List be compleated, and that he be directed to procure as soon as possible, every article contain'd in said List.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Committee of Lancaster, to permit the makers of Rifle Guns in that Burrough, to Contract, under their care and Controal, with General McKinley, or such person as he shall impower, for Forty Rifle Guns, for the use of the Delaware Companies, provided that a Certificate be produced to the said Committee from Colo. Miles, that his Battalion is fully supplied, before the said Contract shall take place.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Mr. John Cobourn, for three hundred pounds, which is directed to be charged to his account for sinking Chevaux de Frize.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle be requested to write to George Taylor, Esq'r, and desire he would send down to this Board one of his 4 pound Canon, and to inform what quantity of powder he used in proving the same.

In Committee of Safety, 11th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chair'n.

Joseph Parker,	David Rittenhouse,
John Nixon,	Owen Biddle,
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,	Robert Whyte.
George Clymer,	

Mr. Clymer, Mr. Parker, & Mr. Rittenhouse, being obliged to leave the Board to attend the House, no business could be entered into.

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In Committee of Safety, 12th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Robert Whyte,	David Rittenhouse,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Morris, Jun'r,
Joseph Parker,	James Mease,
Barnard Dougherty,	James Biddle,
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,	Jno. Montgomery.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of John Mitchell, for two thousand pounds, which is directed to be charged to his account.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of John Nixon, Thomas Wharton, & James Mease, the Committee of Accounts, or either of their orders, for the sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, which is directed to be charged to the account of this Board.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Robert Harris one Ton of Salt Petre, to be manufactured by him into Gun Powder.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Capt. James Craig, or his order, 2 Cwt. of Grape & 2 Cwt. of Swivel Shot, which he is to repay in Shot or Cash.

It being inconvenient to Major Mifflin & Capt. Falconer & Capt. Craig to attend the Building of two Gondolas, directed to be built the 3rd inst.; therefore,

Resolved, That Mr. Wharton & Mr. Howell, & Mr. O. Biddle attend the building of said Boats.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, or his order, for Five thousand pound, which is directed to be charged to the account of this Board.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Rob't Towers, for £171 0 10½, being the amount of his Account for Salt Petre, Lead, Arms, &ca., paid for by him.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Mr. Owen Biddle, or his order, for two hundred pounds, being towards the payment of intrenching Tools.

The Continental Troops being ordered from this city, and Guards at the Powder House, and over the Military Stores at the State House, and the Materials for the Fire Rafts, being necessary, Colo. Samuel Miles was by order of the Board, directed to furnish the necessary Guards from the Provincial Troops under his Command.

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Colo. Robert M'Gaw was this day requested either to discharge or give a furlough to Alexander Greentree & William Fetter, employed by Lewis Prahl in the Gun making business.

Resolved, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Dougherty, & Mr. Parker enquire into the Complaints of the different Prisoners confined in the Gaol of this County, and make report to this Board.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 13th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

James Biddle,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle,	James Mease,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Robert Whyte.
Samuel Howell,	

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Mr. Clement Biddle, or his order, three tons of Salt Petre, and half a ton of sulphur, to be manufactured into Gun powder at the Continental Powder Mill.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Jacob Lush one ton of Salt Peter, to be manufactured into Gun powder.

Colo. John Shee this day made application to the Board for 30 Provincial Firelocks & Bayonets, for which he will give 30 Gun Locks and pay the difference of the Value; The Committee, desirous of forwarding the Service, do resolve That Colo. Shee do retain 30 Firelocks out of the number lent him by this Committee, he paying the difference between the Gun Locks and the Firelocks, Bayonets, & Belts so retain'd.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock this evening; when the following Members Met:

JAMES MEASE, (Chairman.)

Samuel Howell,	Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,	David Rittenhouse,
Samuel Hunter,	Benja. Bartholomew,
George Clymer,	Jno. Montgomery.

Upon application of the secret Committee of Congress for a Quantity of Lead for the use of the Lower Counties, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to Deliver to the order of the said Committee two tons of Lead, which is to be charged to account of Congress.

Upon application of Colo. Timothy Matlack, an order was given Robert Towers, Commissary, to deliver him 50 Haversacks and as

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many Canteens, provided there is so many in his possession belonging to this Board, taking a Receipt for the same.

Robert Morris, Esq'r, Vice President of this Board, gave directions to Robert Towers, Commissary, to deliver 26 Muskets & Bayonets to Capt. Robert Hardie, for the use of the Guard Boats sent down with Fire Rafts; also, an order to Capt. Granway to deliver 4 of the Muskets in his Boat, to compleat the Compliment of six to each Boat.

Resolved, That the said order of the Vice President be Confirmed by this Board.

Resolved, That Lieut. Richard Boger the 2nd, & Lieut. George Ball, now Prisoners at Germantown, be removed from thence to the Town of York, and that the Committee of that County take the usual Parole of them, and procure them suitable Boarding and Lodging, and that the said Committee pay for their Subsistance 15s for each, and draw on this Board for the same.

Upon application of Colo. Samuel Miles for a sum of Money for the use of the Battalions under his Command, By order of the Board, an order was drawn in his favour on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, for one thousand pounds.

In Committee of Safety, June 14th, 1776.

PRESENT:

George Clymer,	James Mease,
Samuel Howell,	Michael Hillegas.
Owen Biddle,	

The following was this day sent to this Committee from Congress, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

"In Congress, June 14, 1776.

"A Memorial from the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania was presented to Congress and Read, setting forth that a Committee of Assembly, accompanied by the General Officers lately in town & a skilful Engineer, have viewed the River Delaware and the Fortifications and defences erected at the expence of the Colony of Pennsylvania, to oppose & prevent the passage of the Enemy's Ships, and that they have Judged it necessary, for further security, that a Redoubt should be erected at Billingsport, in New Jersey, and that a Boom should be there thrown across, or some other obstruction fixed in the Channel; and praying, as the place for the redoubt is out of this Government, and their Colony has expended a very large sum for the defence of the River, that the Congress would direct these Works to be done at the Expence of the Continent; Wherefore,

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"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania be impowered, at the Continental Expence, to erect the Redoubt and to fix the Boom or other Obstructions at the places aforesaid.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd CHAS. THOMSON, Sec'y."

In Committee of Safety, June 15th, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chair'n.

Samuel Howell,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Owen Biddle,	John Nixon,
Samuel Hunter,	Robert Whyte,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,
George Gray,	George Ross.
Joseph Parker,	

Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Capt. Hazelwood, six seven or eight inch Shells, for the use of the Fire Brig't.

Resolved, That Capt. Hazelwood be desired to send down the Fire Brig't, to be stationed near Fort Island, and that He apply to the Commanding Officer of the Fleet for a proper Guard, to be constantly kept on Board her.

The Board having entered into an Engagement with Mr. Joshua Tomlinson for a Number of Gun Barrels, and an agreement to advance him the sum of two hundred pounds, as will more fully appear by his Bond, executed the 13th inst., By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, for One hundred pounds, in favor of said Tomlinson, being a part of the said two hundred.

Resolved, That the two Chevaux de Frize prepared for stopping the Channel, be immediately ballasted and moored in proper stations, that is one of them just above the lowest Buoy, and the other at the middle Buoy, and that Capt. Hazelwood and Capt. Cobourne apply for necessary assistance to the Commanding officer of the Fleet, so as to stop the passage effectually upon any emergency, and on orders for that purpose from this Board & that Capt. Hazelwood proceed down to the Cheveux de Frize and assist Capt. Cobourn in fixing them in their stations without any delay.

Upon application of Samuel Hunter, Esq'r, for a quantity of Lead and Powder for the use of Northumberland County,

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Mr. Hunter Two hundred & fifty pounds of Powder & five hundred pounds Lead.

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The Honorable Jno. Hancock, Esq'r, President of Congress, by letter this day, requested this Board to take charge of a certain Mr. McLean, as a person Inimical to the Liberties of America, and to have him safely kept. In consequence thereof, the following Committment was Issued:

"In Committee of Safety, PHILAD'A, 15th June, 1776.

"You are hereby ordered and enjoin'd to receive into your Custody McClean, who will be herewith delivered to you, and keep him safely until the Congress shall take order concerning him.

"By order of the Committee,
"Sign'd GEO. CLYMER, Chair'n.

Te the Keeper of Philad'a Gaol."

Resolved unanimously, That Samuel Davidson, Esq'r, the Commander of the Floating Battery, be appointed Commodore of the Naval Armaments of this Province, and that he be directed to attend this Board on Monday next, at 11 O'Clock.

The Honorable House of Assembly having taken into pay a Company of Rifle Men in Westmoreland County, under the Command of Capt. Vansweringen And Colo John Procter, of said County, applying for a sum of Money for their pay & subsistance,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of said Procter and for the uses aforesaid, for the sum of Four hundred pounds.

Resolved, That a Number of Chevaux de Frize be sunk as soon as possible across the Channel of the River at Billingsport, to be placed sixty feet distance from Centre to Centre of each of them, and of such a height that there will be not more than six feet Water over them at low tide.

That Mr. Robert Smith be fully empowered to purchase Material and employ a sufficient number of Hands to carry the above Resolve into immediate execution.

Resolved, That Capt. Whyte & Mr. Sam'l Morris be requested to give every assistance and advice in their power to forward the execution of the said Resolve.

Resolved, That the Commissary make up sixty rounds of Cartridges, with powder for each of the Gallies, The Floating Battery and the Ship Montgomery; those for the 32 pounder are to be filled with the following quantity of Powder, viz't.: 40 Rounds with 11¼ pounds, 10 ditto with 11¾ pounds, and 10 ditto with 12½ pounds. Those for the 24 pounders are to be filled as follows: 40 Rounds with 8¼ pounds, & 10 Rounds with 8¾ pounds, 10 Rounds with 9½ pounds. Those for the 18 pounder are to be filled as follows: 40 Rounds with 6¼ pounds of Powder, 10 Rounds with 6¾ pounds,

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and 10 Rounds with 7½ pounds ditto; and that the Commissary is hereby required to observe the same proportions as a rule in making up Cartridges in future, not to be deviated from on any account, without special orders from this Board.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Henry Hoover, or his order, half a Ton of Salt petre, 1 & ½ Cwt. of Sulphur, to be manufactured into Gunpowder.

Adjourned to 5 O'Clock in the afternoon; when the following Members met:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chair'n.

Barnard Dougherty,	Samuel Howell,
Joseph Parker,	Robert Whyte,
Jno. Nixon,	Owen Biddle.

Upon application of Capt. Henry Shade, of a Rifle Company in the service of this Province, for a sum of Money for the use of his Company, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in his favour, for One hundred pounds, which is directed to be Charged to the account of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Paymaster to the Troops.

Upon application of Mr. Owen Biddle for the payment of the balance of his account against the Provincial Salt Petre Works, as settled by the Committee of Accounts of Assembly, By order of the Board an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of said Biddle, for £473 2 5½, being the balance of said account.

A Letter was wrote to Gen'l Washington this evening, inclosing the Resolve of Congress respecting the fortifying Billingsport, requesting he would send an Engineer to view the Ground and furnish plans for carrying the same into execution.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Doct'r Robert Harris, for One hundred pounds, which is directed to be charged to his account for manufacturing of Gun Powder.

By order of the Board, Doct'r Rush was directed to procure 6 sets of Surgeon's Instruments to be made for the use of this Province.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 17th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chairman.

Alex'r Wilcocks,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
George Clymer,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Joseph Parker,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	David Rittenhouse.

A Letter was this day wrote to Mr. Worrel & Mr. Robertson, desiring they would on application of Mr. Robert Smith for their workmen, desist carrying on the Buildings at Fort Island.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Mr. Jacob Leverswell, for the use of the Troops under the Command of Colo. Miles, five hundred pounds Rifle powder, and half a Ton of Lead, a Receipt to be taken for the same.

Colo. Atlee was this day directed to order his whole Battalion up from Chester, to be quartered in the Barracks of this City.

The signers, of the Public Money not keeping the Treasury supplied equal to the demands of this Board, a Letter was wrote to Robert Morris, Esq'r, requesting he would apply to Congress for a Loan 30 or 40 thousand dollars.

By order of the Board, a Commission was granted the 15th inst., to Wingate Newman, of the Privateer Brig't Hancock, of 12 Carriage Guns, owned by John Bayard, Joseph Dean & Company, agreeable to a Resolve of Congress.

Upon application of Colo. John Shee, to exchange fifteen new Rifles for as many good Muskets.,

Resolved, That this Board agree to said exchange, and that Mr. Robert Towers is hereby directed to examine said Rifles, and if good, to deliver Colo. Shee, or his order, in lieu thereof fifteen good Muskets.

Agreeable to a Resolve of Congress, and by order of the Board, a Commission was this day granted John Craige, Commander of the Sloop Congress, Privateer, burthen 70 tons, of six Canon & 30 Men, owned by John Bayard, Joseph Deane & Co.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 18th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN MEASE, Chair'n.

Alex'r Wilcocks,	Sam'l Howell,
David Rittenhouse,	Robert Whyte,
Dan'l Roberdeau,	John Nixon,
Joseph Parker,	George Ross.
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	

Upon appplication of the Commissioners of Lancaster County for a sum of Money for the payment of Firelocks, Cartridge Boxes, &ca., making in that County for the use of this Province,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favor of Matthias Slough, for One thousand pounds, for the use aforesaid.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mich'l Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of Colo. Matthias Slough, for three thousand pounds, for the payment of necessaries to be purchased for the use of the Provincial Troops.

An account was this day produced of 23 Firelocks purchased in Dock Ward, amounting to £45 16 9, which was passed in the Committee, and directed to be charged to account of Congress.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Capt. Jno. Wilcocks, for £500 for the use of the Gun Lock Manufactory.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Robert Smith, for £200, which is directed to be charged to his account, for building Chevaux-de-Frize to be sunk opposite Billingsport.

Mr. Nesbitt, Paymaster, was directed to pay Lieut. Webb his Wages now due.

Resolved, That the Secretary be allowed 10s. per day, or One hundred & eighty two pounds ten shillings per Year, from the time of his appointment, being the 4th July last.

Capt. William Brown, who went the 7th inst. to the Liverpool Ship-of-War, with Capt Budden & Midshipman Draper, in order to their being exchanged one for the other, agreeable to Resolve of Congress, returned a few days past, And Report that he has effected that Business, and that Capt. Bellew is willing to Exchange the Prisoners he has on Board his Ship for such others as may be Prisoners in this Province, belonging to the Ships of-War.

H. Dougherty, Jno. Rice, & Jno. Hamilton, in the names of themselves & of the other Captains of the Armed Boats, having sent to this Committee a Memorial setting forth their unwillingness and determination not to obey the Commands of Commodore

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Davidson, lately appointed, and other matters therein mention'd, It was though necessary that some other Members should be desired to attend the Board; when the following Gentlemen appeared, in order to take the same into Consideration, and Robert Morris, Esq'r, Vice Presid't, took the Chair.

Andrew Allen,	John Dickenson,
Owen Biddle,	Michael Hillegas.

Adjourned to 5 o'Clock, afternoon, when the following Members Met:

ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Presid't.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Alex'r Wilcocks,
Geo. Clymer,	Sam'l Howell,
Jno. Cadwalader,	Jno. Nixon,
And'w Allen,	James Mease,
Joseph Parker,	Owen Biddle,
David Rittenhouse,	Robert Whyte.
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,	

By order of the Board, Robert Morris, Esq'r, Vice President, sign'd a Commission appointing Samuel Davidson, Esq'r, Commodore of the Naval Armaments of this Province.

In Committee of Safety, 19th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

ALEX'R WILCOCKS, Chair'n.

Daniel Roberdeau,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,
Samuel Howell,	Robert Whyte,
Jno. Cadwalader,	John Nixon,
Joseph Parker,	George Clymer.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, for £45 8 6, being the amount of 15 Firelocks purchased by him in Bucks County, which is directed to be Charged to the account of Firelocks purchased for account of Congress.

Upon application of John Vandegrift for some powder for proving the Firelocks making in Bucks County, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to Deliver 6 pounds powder, for uses aforesaid.

Mr. Abraham Kinsey, Tenant at Hog Island, was informed by the Committee of the necessity of laying that Island under Water on the near approach of the Enemy, and at the same time, was assured that whatever Injury he should sustain in Consequence, would be hereafter made good to him by the Publick.

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Resolved, That Mr. Nixon be requested to lend this Board two thousand pounds of the Money in his hands belonging to Congress.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, for £61 4 3, being the amount of Lead, Salt petre, &ca., paid for by him.

Resolved, That Mr. Morris be requested to apply to Congress for the loan of one hundred thousand Dollars.

By order of the Board, Rob't Towers, Commiss'y, was directed to deliver Bedwell & Walter all the Crude Sulphur now in store, as he may want it for Refining, taking Receipts for the Quantitys he may deliver.

Resolved, That the Delegates of this Province in Congress, be requested to inform Congress, that their recommendations relative to forming the flying Camp was not carried into execution by the Assembly, and desire to be informed whether it is their intention that this Board should take upon them the execution of the same.

A few days since, this Board wrote to Congress in respect to the Exchange of Prisoners with the Commander of the Liverpool Man-of-War, in answer to which, the President of Congress, in his letter of the 18th inst., Informs this Board that Congress judges it improper to exchange Men taken in the Merchant ships and River Craft, for seamen taken from the Enemy's ships.

In Committee of Safety, 20th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN NIXON, Chair'n.

George Clymer,
John Cadwalader,
Robert Whyte,
Samuel Howell,
David Rittenhouse,
Daniel Roberdeau,
Alex'r Wilcocks.

Instructions to Commodore Samuel Davison, was drawn up and agreed to Yesterday, and delivered him this day, and are as follows:

"In Committee of Safety, 19th June, 1776.

"Sir:

"The Committee having thought proper to appoint you Commodore-in-Chief of all the Provincial Naval Armaments in the River Delaware, which you are to notify to the Officers of the Fleet by publishing to them your Commission, It becomes necessary to give you some Instructions to Regulate your Conduct in some Points of this Important Trust.

"And first, you are by all possible Means to establish such a proper sense of Subordination in the Fleet, that all the Orders you

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think necessary to Issue, be punctually and implicitly obeyed, a loose and Relaxed Discipline utterly enfeebling every Military Establishment, however respectable it may otherwise be in the Circumstance of Number or Force.

"Secondly, As it is the Duty and Inclination of this Committee to maintain the Fleet in a constant state of preperation to receive the Enemy, you must immediately take an exact survey of its present Condition, and whatever may be wanting in its Equipment to make Report of to Capt. William Richards, who is appointed and directed by this Board to supply all its Defficiencies.

"Thirdly, an attack from the Enemy being highly probable, tho' the time uncertain, it is necessary that every part of the Fleet should have its proper station assign'd, in such way as to afford Mutual support, and that the whole may act to the best effect.

"Fourthly, you must particularly attend not only to the situation of the Fleet, but take great care that the Officers and Men are not absent from their respective Vessels any length of time & at any great distance, but as it is probable that some of the Officers of the Boats may be desirous of coming up to this City, you may give leave of absence to them, but only to six Officers at one time, and that no more than three of that number shall be Captains, who shall not be absent more than Forty-Eight Hours at one time from their Respective Vessels.

"Lastly, Should any accident or Circumstance happen in the Fleet that has the least Tendency to effect the service, you are to give the earliest information of it to the Committee of Safety, that, they, if they have the means of Remedy, may apply such as the nature of the Case may Require.

"These being the Principal matters that have occurr'd to the Committee, they confide in your prudence and Discretion, which have directed their Choice, to supply their Omision in those Numberless Circumstances and situations in which you may be placed, earnestly Recommending to you, however, that you endeavour to promote the Utmost Harmony between you and the Officers of the Fleet, and between one another, on which depends so much the success of every undertaking, where Men are to act in Concert, and Mutual Assistance is required.

"By order of the Committee,
"Sign'd, JNO. NIXON, Chair'n."

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Thomas Neville, for two hundred pounds, to be charged to his account for purchasing Lead for the use of this Province.

Resolved, that Edward Bingley be appointed Captain to the Fire Brig't in the service of this Province, and that he engage four Men for to navigate the said Brig't.

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The Commodore had directions this day to distribute 50 Rounds of Gun Powder to each of the armed Boats, taking receipts for the Delivery from their Commanding Officers, and at the same time to take from them all the Powder they have now on Board.

A letter was this day wrote to George Bryan, Esq'r, Naval Officer, desiring he would grant permits to the Captains of Vessels that may apply for Chevaux de Frize Pilots to the town of Chester, taking a qualification that they will take no Pilot further down the River than Chester, unless it be such Vessels as go down the Bay under Convoy of Continental Ships of War, who are to be allowed pilots on their producing a Certificate from the Marine Committee that they are to be taken under Convoy, and that Privateers will always receive the necessary Papers from this Board.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 21st June, 1776.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Pres'dt.

John Cadwalader,
Joseph Parker,
Alexander Wilcocks,
Samuel Howell,
James Mease,
George Ross,
Daniel Roberdeau,
John Nixon,
George Clymer,
Robert Whyte,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
David Rittenhouse,
Sam'l Morris, jun'r.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Samuel Morris, jun'r, for one thousand pounds, being towards the payment of Loggs, &ca., purchased by him.

Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Thomas Apty, two pounds of Gunpowder, for cleansing the Work House of bad air; and to deliver to George Clymer, Esq'r, six pounds Gun powder.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of James McLine, for £152 19 3, being the amount of 20 Rifles & 43 Muskets, purchased by him in Cumberland County, which is to be charged to Arms purchased for account of Congress.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Colo. Atlee or his order, as many Firelocks and accoutrements as he may have occasion for, to compleat his Battalion.

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Resolved, That the Report of the Committee of Assembly appointed to inquire into the conduct of this Committee, on the 14th inst., be published in the different News Papers of this City.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, when the following Members Met:

GEORGE ROSS, Chair'n.

Thomas Wharton,	Daniel Roberdeau,
John Nixon,	Robert Whyte,
Jno. Cadwalader,	Joseph Parker,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Samuel Howell,
James Mease,	George Clymer.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of John Fulton of Chester County, for fifty pounds, to be Charged to his acco't, for purchasing Arms on account of Congress.

Resolved, That John Hazelwood, Esq'r, be appointed Captain and superintendant of the Fire Vessels & Fire Rafts, and to the Guard Boats, and that he be allowed for his Services 36 Dollars ℔ month & 4 Rations, to commence the day of his first appointment, being the 28th December last.

In Consequence of a Resolve of the 19th inst., Robert Morris, Esq'r, applied to Congress, and deliver'd the following Memorandum to the Board, taken by him in Congress:

"In Congress, June 20th, 1776.

"Robert Morris, one of the Delegates from the Province of Pennsylva'a, reminded the Congress that the Assembly of said Province had Adjourned on the 14th inst., without having been able to Carry into Execution the Resolves of Congress of the 3rd Inst., for Raising 6,000 Militia for establishing a flying Camp; and then informed the Congress that their said Resolve, not being directed in *Terms* to the Committee of Safety, but address'd to the *Colony*, the said Committee were in doubt whether it would be expected from them to execute said Resolve, as they are in Recess of Assembly the Executive Body of this Province; He Also alledged that if the Congress expected the Committee to proceed in this Business it would be necessary or adviseable that they should recommend it expressly to them, for under the present Circumstances of the Province, he much doubted if they would be obeyed unless so authorized, and added that, if the Congress did not see proper to take further order in this matter, he hoped the Committee of Safety would always be held blameless, as they now gave Congress this necessary information for the express purpose of having an Explicit declaration, if they were expected to act in this important business, which they were ready to undertake if so desired. This application was made by Mr. Morris as declared, By order of the Committee of Safety, and after a debate of Considerable length, and

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two Motions made and seconded, one was withdrawn, the other determined in the Negative. In Consequence whereof, I have made this Memorandum immediately on the spot, to appear when it may be necessary, and to prevent blame being cast where it is not merited.

"Signed, ROB'T MORRIS.

"The above is a true state of Facts.

"Sign'd, JOSEPH HEWES, EDWARD RUTLEDGE, T. HOPE. } Delegates in Congress."

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau be requested to apply to Mr. Benj. Harbison, or any other person to be employed in purchasing of 10 Tons of Brass for the use of this Province.

Resolved, That Mr. John Britton be desired to purchase 50 thousand 3 Inch white oak plank, with a proportionable Quan'y of squared scantling.

Resolved, That 6 Flat Bottom'd Boats be built for transporting Men from shore to shore.

Resolved, That Major Mifflin report to this Board the Quantity of Stores, port Fire Quick-Match, & Grape shot, that the Field pieces are in want of.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 22nd June, 1776.

PRESENT:

ROBERT MORRIS, Vice Presid't.

JOHN NIXON, Chairman,

George Ross,
John Cadwalader,
Joseph Parker,
Sam'l Howell,
Robert Whyte,
James Biddle,
Owen Biddle,
Daniel Roberdeau,
Alex'r Wilcocks.

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Howell be requested to purchase of Mr. Amos Strettle, the whole Quantity of Copper that he has for sale.

Upon application of Mr. Lawrence Bernie for a sum of Money to advanced him, to assist his carrying on a File Manufactory, By order of the Board an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of said Bernie, for three hundred pounds, which is directed to be paid him on his giving proper security for the Repayment of said sum in 18 months from the date hereof, either in cash or Files, which payment shall be made at the option of this Committee.

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of David Kennedy, Esq'r, for One hundred pounds, to be Charged to his account, being towards the payment of Linnen & Blankets to be deliver'd by him to this Committee.

Resolved, That Colo. Cadwalader, Capt. Whyte, & Mr. Parker, be a Committee to employ proper Persons to build 6 Flat Bottom Boats, agreeable to a Resolve of yesterday.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver the following quantities of Ammunition to the Colonels of the different Battalions of Associators in Chester County, vizt:

To Colo. James Moore—2300 Cartridges, for Provincial Muskets.
2070 do., sorted, for the other different Bores of Firelocks.
1500 flints.

To Colo. Thom's Hockley—2300 Cartridges for Provincial Muskets.
2300 do., sorted, for the other different Bores of Firelocks.
1600 flints.

To Colo. Hugh Lloyd—1840 do. for Provincial Muskets.
1610 do. sorted, for the other different Bores of Firelocks.
1200 flints.

To Colo. Wm. Montgomery—2760 Cartridges for Provincial Muskets.
2415 do. sorted, for the other different Bores of Firelocks.
1800 Flints.

To Colo. Rich'd Thomas—1840 Cartridges for Provincial Muskets.
1610 do. sorted, for the other different Bores of Firelocks.
1200 Flints.

And to each of the said Colonels, the same proportion of loose powder and Lead, equal to the Quantity of Cartridges.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 24th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Joseph Parker,
Robert Whyte,
John Cadwalader,
Daniel Roberdeau,
Samuel Howell,
David Rittenhouse,
Alex'r Wilcocks,
John Nixon,
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r.

Resolved, That Mr. Samuel Howell, Mr. George Clymer, & Mr. Owen Biddle, be a Committee to agree with Mr. Thomas Savage to carry on the Manufactory of Salt on the Jersey Shore, and make Report of such agreement to this Board, and that they, the said Committee, draw on the Committee of Accounts for such sums of Money as may be necessary to Compleat and carry on said Work.

Robert Towers, Commissary, his account for Wages up to the 4th inst. was this day directed by the Board to be paid, being for 334 days at 10s, amounting to £167.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Robert Towers, for £53 5 5, being the amount of his account for making Cartridges for the pay of Lead, &c.

Resolved, That Doct'r Duffield & Doct'r Rush be directed to lay before this Board an account of the Quantities and Kind of Medecine, Surgical Instruments, Lint, Rags for Bandages, belonging to the Public, and Report their Opinion whether any thing is wanting for the use of the Hospital.

At a Special Meeting of the Committee of Safety.

PRESENT:

ALEXANDER WILCOCKS, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,
John Nixon,
James Biddle,
John Cawalader,
Robert Whyte,
Joseph Parker,
Daniel Roberdeau.

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In Committee of Safety, 25th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

ALEX'R WILCOCKS, Chair'n.

George Ross,	Robert Whyte,
George Clymer,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,
Joseph Parker,	David Rittenhouse,
Samuel Howell,	Owen Biddle,
Jno. Nixon,	Daniel Roberdeau,
Jno. Cadwalader,	George Gray.
James Biddle,	

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, for two hundred pounds, in favor of Colo. William Rankin, being towards the payment of Firelocks purchasing by him in York County on account of Congress.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Thomas Goucher, for thirty pounds, being so much paid him for disclosing his Art of Boreing and Grinding Gun Barrels, agreeable to his Agreement of this Day.

Upon application of Robert Morris, Esq'r, from the Marine Committee, for a quantity of Lead for the use of the four Frigates building for account of Congress.

Resolved, That this Board supply the said Ships with Lead for their Head pumps & Haurse Holl.

ROBERT MORRIS, Vice President.

By order of the Board, the Committee of Accounts was directed to pay Colo. Miles his order for the Amount of a Hoggshead Rum received by him at Lewis Town, for the use of the Provincial Riffle Batt'n under his Command, and charge the same to account of Congress.

The Conference of Committees having sent the following Resolve to this Board by Mr. Hill, Mr. Smith & Mr. Blewer, Members of that Body:

Resolved, That the same be enter'd on the Minutes of this Committee.

"In Conference, June 25th, 1776.

"*Resolved Unanimously*, That it be Recommended to the Committee of Safety of this Province, to Confine the Command of Commodore Davison to the Ship of War and Floating Battery belonging to the Province, and to Issue no orders to the Captains or other Officers of the Row Galleys, Fire Ships, or Fire Rafts, through the said Commodore, until the Convention meets, and that it be recom-

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mended to the Captains and other Officers of the Row Galleys, &c., to pay all due obedience to the Committee of Safety until that time, and until a new appointment shall take place.

"A true Copy

"Sign'd, THO'S M'KEAN, President."

In consequence of the above Resolve, a Letter was wrote to Commodore Davison, directing him to confine his Command to the Ship and Floating Battery; and a Letter wrote to Capt. Dougherty, inclosing him a Copy of said Resolve, with directions that he repair forthwith to this Committee, to receive such Instructions as may be judged necessary.

Resolved, That Mr. Clymer, Mr. James Biddle & Mr. Wilcocks, be a Committee to draw up a state of the Public Transactions of this Board, in order to its being laid before the Public, if thought necessary.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 26th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Joseph Parker,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,
Samuel Morris, jun'r,	James Biddle,
John Nixon,	Robert Whyte,
Samuel Howell,	Daniel Roberdeau.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Thomas Fitzsimons and Joseph Moulder, for five hundred pounds, to be Charged to their accounts.

Capt. David McCutcheon being brought before this Board by a Sub-Committee of the Committee of Inspection & Observation, as a person dangerous to the safety of American Liberty, And Mr. James Steward, a Pilot, appearing at same time, Deposed, that the said McCutcheon told him if he would go aboard the Asia, at New York, there was a good offer, and that he should have two Dollars a day, & other matters, that will more fully appear by the Deposition of said Steward. In Consequence thereof he was ordered to be Confined in the Gaol of this City, and the following Commitment was Issued:

"*To the Keeper of the Gaol of Philadelphia County:*

"You are hereby required to receive into your Custody David McCutcheon, and keep him in Close Confinement until discharged by this Committee.

"By order of the Committee,

"Sign'd, GEO. CLYMER, Chair'n."

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Wm. Richards & Nath'l Falconer, or either of their orders, for Three hundred pounds, to be Charged to their accounts, for Alarm signals.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of William Richards, or his order, for four hundred pounds, to be charged to his account, towards the payment of Provincial Naval Stores.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 27th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE ROSS, Chairman,

Owen Biddle,	George Clymer,
John Nixon,	Thos. Wharton, jun'r,
Samuel Howell,	Robert Whyte,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Samuel Morris, Jun'r,
James Biddle,	George Gray.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of Ludwick Kerker, for Fifteen hundred pounds, being so much advanced him towards the payment of Provisions supplied the Provincial Troops.

Resolved, That the Officers confined in the Gaol of this City be allowed fifteen Shillings per Week for their subsistence, from the time of their being first Confined.

The Board thinking it necessary that Capt. Henry Dougherty should have proper Instructions for his Government, the following were drawn up, approved of, and sign'd by the Chairman:

"In Committee of Safety, 27th June, 1776.

"Sir:

"The Committee think it proper to give you the following Instructions to regulate your Conduct, as Eldest Captain of the thirteen Armed Boats, or Galleys, in the service of this Province:

"You are forthwith to take upon you the Command of the said Armed Boats, and station them, at anchor, at the East side of Fort Island, and keep them at that station until otherwise ordered by this Board, or the necessity of the service shall require their removal.

"You are to cause the said Armed Boats to be frequently exercis'd, and keep them in a compleat state of preperation to receive the Enemy; And the better to effect this immediately, take an exact survey of the present Condition of the said Armed Boats, and whatever may be wanting in their Equipments make a Report of to Capt.

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William Richards, who is appointed and directed to supply all their defficiencies.

"The Officers must Constantly Lodge in their Respective Boats, and you are to take particular care that neither Officers or Men be absent from their respective Vessels any length of time, without your license in writing, or the leave of this Board, and you are not to suffer more than four Officers, and of that Number not more than two to be Captains, to be absent at any one time, nor any of them to be longer absent than forty-eight Hours at one time.

"You are to cause fifty Rounds of Powder to be delivered from the Ammunition Vessel on Board each of the said Boats, for which the Respective Captains are to give Receipts, and all the powder now on Board said Boats to be put on Board the said Ammunition Vessel, and order her up immediately to this City, to deliver the same to the Commissary.

"You are by all possible Means to establish such a proper sense of subordination in the Officers & Men of the Boats, that all the orders you think necessary to Issue be punctually and implicitly obeyed, a loose and Relaxed discipline utterly enfeebling every Military Establishment, however Respectable it may otherwise be in the Circumstances of Number & Force.

"Should any accident or Circumstance happen in the Fleet that has the least tendency to effect the service, you are to give the earliest information of it to the Committee of Safety, that they, if they have the means of Remedy, may apply such as the nature of the case may Require.

"These being the principal matters that have occurred to the Committee, they earnestly Recommend that you endeavour to promote the utmost Harmony between you & the Officers of the Fleet, and between one another, on which depends so much the success of every undertaking where Men are to Act in Concert, and mutual assistance is required.

"By order of the Committee.

"Sign'd, GEO. ROSS, Chairman.

"To Capt. Henry Dougherty."

By order of the Board, Thomas Dewees, Gaoler, was directed to discharge from confinement Robert Saunderson, a person taken with Capt. Duncan Campbell some time past.

The Committee having Reason to believe that wicked & ill-disposed persons have seduced and inticed some of the Men belonging to the Boats to desert the service and go into other employ, have thought it necessary to publish the following Resolve of Assembly:

"In Assembly, Tuesday March 26th, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That any person or persons, whatsoever, within this Colony, who shall harbour and Conceal any Deserter (knowing him

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to be such) from the Continental Forces, or any other Forces raised within this or any other of the United Colonies, for the defence of America, shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding Fifty, nor less than Thirty Dollars, or suffer three months imprisonment for each offence, being convicted thereof by the Testimony of one or more Witnesses, before any two Justices of the Peace of the City, Borough, or County, respectively, where such offence shall be Committed, who are hereby authorized to hear and determine all Offences contrary to the above Resolve; which Fine shall be deposited in the Hands of the Overseers of the poor of the City, Borough, or Township, where the offence is Committed, for the use of the poor of such place."

And the Committee give this Public Notice, that they are determined to prosecute with the utmost Rigour, any person who shall Harbour, Conceal, or in any manner employ any Deserter from the service of this Colony.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 28th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

OWEN BIDDLE, Chair'n.

Samuel Howell,	George Clymer,
Daniel Roberdeau,	Robert Whyte,
James Biddle,	George Gray.

Thomas Dewees, Gaoler, was directed to discharge a Man belonging to Capt. Dougherty, confined agreeable to sentence of Court Martial.

Resolved, That the Pay of the Captain Lieutenant of the Artillery Company be 22 Dollars P Month.

That the First Lieutenant of said Company be allowed 18 dollars per Month.

That the second Lieutenant of said Company be allowed 18 Dollars per Month.

Resolved, That Herculeus Courtney be appointed First Lieutenant to the Artillery Company.

That John Martin Strohbogh be appointed second Lieutenant to the Artillery Company.

Resolved, That Colo. Roberdeau, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. James Biddle, & Mr. Owen Biddle, be a Committee to employ proper Engineers to make a draft of Fortifications proper to be erected at Billingsport, and Report what works are necessary to be Erected there.

That the said Committee be Authorized to purchase the whole or part of a Plantation at Billingsport, on which said Fortifications are to be Erected, at the Expence of Congress.

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour Mr. Randolph, for £26, for Firelocks purchased for account of Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. John Emmes be appointed Lieutenant on Board the Fire Brig't; that his pay be 17 Dollars P month.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, in favour of Mr. Cham, for Carriage of 64 Firelocks & Riffles, & 1 Firelock, purchased by him, the whole amounting to £8 4 6, to be charged to Arms bought for acc't of Congress.

In Committee of Safety,

PHILAD'A, 29th June, 1776.

PRESENT:

James Biddle, George Gray,
Sam'l Howell, Jun'r, Robert Whyte,
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r, Michael Hillegas.
Owen Biddle,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Rob't Towers, Commiss'y, to deliver John M. Nesbitt, Esq., or his order, 50 Musket Ball, 100 lb. Grape Shot, 250 Swivel Shot, & 8 Short Spears, which he is to be accountable for.

Resolved, That Francis Procter, Jun'r, be appointed Lieutenant Fire worker to the Artillery Company of this Province, and that his pay be 13½ dollars per month.

This day Henry Fisher's Receipt for the Guard Boat sent down to Lewis Town, and the sundry Articles hereafter mentioned, was deliver'd this Board, Vizt:

Armed Boat Eagle.

1 four pound Canon & 40 Rounds of Cartridge.
2 Swivels 60 do.
4 priming wires & 2 Belts.
2 priming Horns & 1 Bunch of Match.
1 former for the Guns.
2 sponges & rammers for 4 pounder.
1 Worm & Ladle for do.
2 spunges & Rammers for swivels, & 1 large Worm for do.
2 Lint Stocks, 1 Lanthorn, 1 half Hour Glass.
2 platers, 1 Mug, 1 Can, 1 tinder Box, 1 Mop, 1 Pot.
6 Lances, 1 Compass, 2 Tents.
1 Tea-Kettle.

Rec'd the above articles of Capt. Charles Lawrence, June 6, 1776.

Sign'd HENRY FISHER.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 1st July, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

George Clymer,	Samuel Howell,
Owen Biddle,	David Rittenhouse,
John Nixon,	Sam'l Morris, jun'r,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
George Gray,	Robert Whyte.
Dan'l Roberdeau,	

Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Doct'r Harris two Tons of Salt Petre, to be manufactured into Gun Powder.

The President of the Continental Congress sent the following Resolves to this Committee, which is directed to be enter'd on the Minutes:

"*Resolved*, That four companies of Germans be raised in Pennsylvania, and four Companies in Maryland, to compose the German Battalion.

"That it be recommended to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, immediately to appoint proper officers for, and direct the inlistment of the four Companies to be Raised in that Colony.

"That it be Recommended to the Convention, or in their Recess, to the Committee or Council of Safety of Maryland, immediately to appoint proper officers for and direct the Inlistment of the four Companies to be Raised in that Colony.

"That the said Companies be inlisted to serve for three years unless sooner discharged, and Receive Bounty, pay, rations, and all other allowances, equal to any of the Continental Troops.

"That the said Companies be intitled to pay and subsistance from the time of Inlistment.

"That the said Companies when raised, be formed into a Battalion, under the Command of such Field Officers as the Congress shall direct.

"That the Rank of the Captains in the said Companies be Regulated as the Congress shall hereafter direct.

"That five thousand Dollars be sent to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, & 5000 Dollars to the Convention, or in their Recess, to the Committee of Safety of Maryland, to defray the expence of Raising the German Companies.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd CHA'S THOMSON, Sect'y.

"By order of Congress.

"Sign'd JNO. HANCOCK, Pres'dt."

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Capt. Loxley is requested to View the Furnace and other Works belonging to Morgan Bustead, And Report to this Board his opinion of their fitness to cast Brass Canon.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Capt. Nath'l Falconer, for account of Congress, 12 Cutlases & 28 lb Musket Ball.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver Mr. Moulder 4 pieces of Russia Sheeting, for awnings for the Shallop for accommodating the Fire Raft Men.

Resolved, That two Quarter Casks of Gun powder be Issued to each Battalion of Musketeers of associators in the City of Philadelphia, and the Counties of Chester, Philadelphia & Bucks, for the purpose of Firing in the Exercises of these Battalions, the better to Qualify them for actual Service, and that it be Recommended to the Commanding Officers of said Battalion to direct very small Cartridges to be made up, about 80 to the pound.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favor of Mr. John Williams, for £100, towards the payment of a Gondola he is building.

The Committee taking into consideration the Resolution of Congress for Raising a Battalion of Germans, and being of opinion that the Public Service requires that it be carried into Execution without any delay, and the Recruiting Service be entered on as soon as possible,

Resolved, That this Board will on Friday the 5th inst., appoint Captains, and on Friday the 12th inst., Lieutenants & Ensigns for the four Companies of Germans directed to be Raised in this Province by order of Congress, & that it is the opinion of this Board, that consistent with the Resolve of Congress, no Persons but such as are Germans born, or the sons of Germans, should hold any Office in said Companies.

All such Gentlemen who fall under the above Description, And are desirous to enter into the Service, are requested to send in their applications as early as may be.

Resolved, That Mr. Towers be directed to deliver to the orders of the Committees of the Counties of Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester, two Quarter Casks of Powder for each Battalion of Musketeers of Associators in said Counties, for the purposes as mention'd in a Resolve of this day.

Resolved, That the Commanding officer of Colo. Atlees' Battalion at the Barracks in this City, be desired to appoint a Lieutenant to Escort Lieut. Boger & Ball now at Germantown, to York Town, and that he attend this Board to-morrow Morning, 10 o'Clock, for his Instructions.

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In Committee of Safety, July 2nd, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE ROSS, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	David Rittenhouse,
Samuel Howell,	John Nixon,
Samuel Morris,	George Clymer,
James Mease,	Alex'r Wilcocks,
James Biddle,	Thos. Wharton, jun'r,
George Gray,	Sam'l Miles.
Joseph Parker,	

Resolved, that Captain Loxley be directed to put Morgan Bustead's Air Furnace in proper order for Casting Brass Artillery, & that this Board will account to said Bustead for the use of his Works.

Upon application of William Tucker, one of the Commissioners of New Jersey, appointed to procure necessaries for the Troops of that Province, for One Ton of Lead, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver him twenty hundred pounds of Lead.

George Ross, Esq'r, & George Ege, having Contracted to supply this Board with One hundred Ton of Canon Ball, at the same price that others have Contracted for, And applying for a sum of money to be advanced him, By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of the said George Ege, for Three hundred Pounds.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Public, Reported an Essay, which, being Read, amended, and approved, was ordered to be inserted upon the Minutes, and to be publish'd in the News Papers of this City, and is as follows:

"TO THE INHABITANTS OF PENNSYLVANIA:

"This Committee, too much occupied in the various & multiplied business of the department in which they are placed, have seldom troubled the public with addresses' and indeed little occasion has been afforded for them, especially in Justification of their own Conduct, while general acquiescence in their Authority prevailed, and entire confidence in their integrity and abilities remained, but they are not so blinded by Self Love, or so lost in their own importance, as not to perceive lately that both Confidence and Authority are considerably shaken and impaired; not resting on a foundation altogether popular, their existence has been beheld with Jealousy, & by an opposition formed on mistaken or unworthy principles, their Conduct in almost every branch of the public service has been traduced & Vilified. In the Honest discharge of duty they

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have been obliged to stand the unmerited reproaches of many individuals, as well as of some public bodies. After accumulated mortifications, why they still continue to keep their seats, ought to be accounted for, lest they justly be supposed insensible to the feelings of Men of Honour, but it is necessary first to state the transactions which has principally given rise to this Address.

About the beginning of last month the Committee appointed Captain Sam'l Davison Commodore, and Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Armament, equipped for the defence of the River Delaware. The Motives to this appointment, at a Board of thirteen Members, when there was not one dissenting voice, were such as these:

1st. That during his Continuance in the Service as Captain of one of the Armed Boats, he was Conspicuous among the Officers for care and attention to his duty, and, while he maintained a strict discipline, he had the address to concilate the regard & affections of his Crew, and always kept his Boat well manned.

2nd. That having, on the Return of Capt. Davison from a short Voyage, in which he was spared from the service of their Province to go into that of the Congress, and while perfect harmony yet existed between this Board and all its Officers, & on a deliberate estimate of the comparative merits of each, given him, though a Younger Officer, the more important Command of the Floating Battery, in which the same superior good Conduct was observable, the Committee acted but consistently with themselves in elevating him to a still higher Rank.

3rd. A Clamour having been formerly excited against a superior Officer, because, as was said, he had not been of the Fleet, & some of the Officers have since declared they would Yield Ready obedience to any Commodore, if taken from their own Establishment, even though he should be the youngest among them, the present appointment, as it prevented the necessity of going out of the Fleet, was considered rather as Conciliatory than as administering cause of uneasiness and discontent; they were well aware of the obvious Military Maxim, to which they had Run Counter, of Advancing Men according to Seniority, but this Maxim, though perhaps proper in old establishments, where a long course of service in the lower classes are supposed to confer the necessary Qualifications for the higher, may and ought occasionally to be dispensed with in the formation of new ones, where there can be but a slender pretext for Qualifications; from this cause merit is to be sought out and prefer'd wherever to be found, though ambition should be disapointed, or delicacy offended. In many Instances have the Congress departed from this fundamental maxim, and their Country has been benefited by it. The Resistance of the Officers of the Armed Boats to this appointment, and their Indecent remonstrances are well known—they were countenanced and supported by Men whose decision on Publick questions influence in some degree the

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public Opinion. Mutiny was justified and abetted, and disobedience triumphed over Authority. The Committee thought it their duty to adhere to the appointment they had made, the Conference of Committees interposed by the following resolution, agreed to immediately before their dissolution.

"That it be recommended to the Committee of Safety of this province, to confine the Command of Commodore Davison to the ship-of-war and floating Battery belonging to the Province, and to Issue no orders to the Captains or other officers of the Row Gallies, Fireships or Fire Rafts, through the said Commodore, until the Convention meets, and that it be recommended to the Captain and other Officers of the Row Gallies, &c., to pay all due obedience to the Committee of Safety, until that time, and until a New appointment shall take place."

The Board, astonished and surprised, would have remonstrated against it, not without Hope that on a fair and impartial state of the Question, those who, from the nature of their appointment, could have nothing in View but the publick hapiness, and who could not have been insensible of the benefit of good order and discipline, would have recalled this hasty determination, which may be so fatal to both, but the dissolution would not allow the necessary time.

The Committee doubt not the purity of the intention which produced this Resolution, and by which their power in so important a Branch is so greatly mutilated, if not altogether destroyed; They well know the regard due to the Representatives of the People, & are disposed to submit to the recommendation, tho' wounded and dishonoured by it, But they would have it understood that the Continuance of many of their Board under such circumstances is of necessity, as no Body of Men can at present be appointed to supply their places, and as they perhaps may, fettered in their Authority as they are, still render some small services to their Country; they however think it incumbent on them to declare that many bad Consequences may probably proceed from a divided Command. Military Authority is not of a nature to be participated, and when attempted, the greatest mischiefs commonly flow from it. Should this unfortunately prove so in our case, the Committee are not responsible; they have performed theirDuty, and look forward with pleasure to the short period of a few weeks, which is to deprive them of the seats they have held, of late so much to the disatisfaction of some Men, and uneasiness to themselves.

Resolved, That the Title for the Land purchased at Billingsport to erect Fortifications, by order of Congress, be made out in the names of George Clymer & Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Continental Treasurers.

Resolved, That Colo. Miles be requested to order a Battalion of the Pennsylvania Forces to New Jersey, to encamp at Billingsport.

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And that the Men be employed in erecting Fortifications there be allowed 2 Gills of spirits per deim each, over and above their usual allowance, while they work on the said Fortifications.

Upon application of John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, a Commission was granted to John Hunn, Commander of the Schooner Security, of 30 tons Burthen, 8 Carriage Guns, & 11 Men.

Capt. Benj'a Loxley having made proposals for casting Brass Artillery for the use of this Province, as follows, Vizt:

"That the Furnace, Metal, Fuel, & other necessaries to be found, and every incidental Expence paid this Committee, and that he have such compensation for his trouble in superintending and Conducting the Business as shall be thought a reasonable equivalent thereto.

Resolved, That the said Proposals of Capt. Loxley, be agreed to.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver Colo. Samuel Miles, or his order, what Rifles he has in store belonging to this Province.

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, be directed to get made Two ton of Rifle Powder, as soon as possible.

That the Cartridges he make up in future have an addition of three Buck Shot in each Cartridge.

In Consequence of Intelligence Just Receiv'd, Colo. Miles is requested immediately to march his Battalions to this City, & suspend the sending a Battalion to Billingsport 'til further orders.

Upon application of James Craig & Wm. Erskine & Co., Owners of the sloop Chance, James Robertson, M'r., burthen 30 tons, 6 Carriage Guns and 34 Men, a Commission was granted to him, the said Capt. James Robertson.

Ordered, That the Commissary deliver to Capt. Loxley such of the Ordinance & Military Stores required for his Artillery Company as he can supply, & Capt. Loxley is authorized to procure the remainder on the most reasonable terms, and bring in his account to this Committee.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, when the following Members Met:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Samuel Morris,	Owen Biddle,
Joseph Parker,	Samuel Howell,
John Nixon,	David Rittenhouse.

Resolved, That the Continental Powder Mill be furnished with 10 ton of Salt Petre & 2 tons of Sulphur, and that Mr. Owen Biddle be directed to give orders for the delivery of the same.

Colo. Miles informing the Board that many of the Arms belonging to the Battalions under his Command are greatly out of order,

The Chairman, by order, wrote to the superintendants of the Lock Manufactory to lay aside all other Work & apply them-

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selves to Repairing them. They are requested further to put all the Workmen in the City upon this Business.

Letters were this day wrote to the Colonels of the different Battalions of the Counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester & Lancaster, Requesting they would hold themselves in Readiness to March at an Hour's warning, with their Battalions, to this City.

Resolved, That Messrs. Parker & Owen Biddle have the Guard House at the Old Powder House removed to the New Magazine, And that Mr. Towers be authorized to Occupy the s'd Magazine as soon as he may think it suitable to Receive the public ammunition, and that an Officer's Guard be Mounted at the said Magazine, with orders that no Persons but the Commissary, and such as are employed under him, be admitted on the Lot without Special Orders from the Committee of Safety, unless they be Members of the Board.

Resolved, That Mr. Towers have the Laboratory enclosed with a Fence; And that the Officer of the Guard be directed that no person be suffered to come within it but the Commissary and such as are employed under him, but by special order of this Board; or such as are Members of this Board.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 3rd July, 1776.

PRESENT:

ALEX'R WILCOCKS, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,
James Mease,	George Gray,
David Rittenhouse,	James Biddle,
George Clymer,	John Nixon.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Mr. Kinear 8 pieces of Russia Sheeting, for making Sails for the Gondola building by Capt. Williams.

Capt. West was directed to deliver Commodore Davison the whole Quantity of Ammunition that he now has on Board the Ammunition Vessel.

By order of the Board, John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Paymaster, was desired to advance two Months' pay to Lieut. Emmes, of the Fire Brig't.

Lieutenants Boger & Ball having Refused to sign the Parole prepared for them, agreeable to the Resolves of Congress, & by this Board, of the 14th ult., Colo. Atlee had directions to order a discreet Officer and suitable Guard to proceed to Germantown, and take into Custody the said Boger & Ball, & convey them forthwith to

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York Town, and deliver them to the Keeper of the common Gaol, provided they still persist in their Refusal.

Adjourned to 4 O'Clock, when the following Members Met:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

Samuel Howell,	Owen Biddle,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,
George Gray,	David Rittenhouse,
Jno. Cadwalader,	John Nixon.
James Biddle,	

Resolved, That the following Articles be procured for the use of this Province, vizt:

5,000 Wood Canteens.

5,500 Knapsacks.

In Consequence of the following Resolve of Congress, a Letter was wrote to Colo. Miles, requesting he would give orders for the most Speedy March of the Rifle Battalions to this City, And to Colo. Atlee of the Musket Battalion, desiring his attendance on this Board:

"In Congress, July 3d, 1776.

"The Congress took into Consideration the letter from the Convention of New Jersey; Whereupon,

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania be Requested to send as many of the Troops of their Colony as they can spare to Monmouth County, in New Jersey, to the assistance of the Inhabitants of that Colony, & to be subject to the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, the said Troops to be allowed the same pay and Rations as the Troops in the service of the Continent, from the time of their March until their Return.

"By order of Congress.

"JOHN HANCOCK, Presid't.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd CHAS. THOMSON, Sect'y."

Colo. Atlee attended the Board, and informs that the Firelocks belonging to his Battalion are in very bad order; that upwards of 200 of them are now in the Hands of the Gun Smiths: that he will make Report to-Morrow Morning of defficiencies of Arms & Accoutrements in his Battalion.

Resolved, That all Officers Prisoners of War, in this Province, on coming into it, do, in future, wear their Uniform whenever they go abroad; And if any Officer shall be found hereafter transgressing this order, he shall be taken up and Confined.

The several Committees are earnestly requested to see this Regulation effectually carried into execution.

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And Whereas, proper attention hath not been paid to the order of the Committee of Safety of the 1st May last, it is again published, that all persons concerned may Govern themselves accordingly, as they may depend on its being strictly executed.

In Committee of Safety,

PHILAD'A, 4th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

OWEN BIDDLE, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Alex'r Wilcocks,
Joseph Parker,	James Mease,
David Rittenhouse,	George Gray,
Jno. Nixon,	James Biddle,
Sam. Howell,	John Cadwalader.
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,	

Resolved, That the pay of the three Battalions of Provincial Troops of this Province, under the Command of Colo. Miles, be encreased to Continental pay, to commence the first of July last.

Resolved, that Abraham Hays be appointed 3rd Lieutenant in one of the Rifle companies, in the service of this Province.

Upon application of Capt. Nath'l Falconer for a quantity of Grape Shot, for the use of the Marine committee of Congress,

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver One Cask of Grape Shot, for the use aforesaid.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Captains Peters & Wilcocks, & Mr. DeHaven, for £500, & directed to be Charged to their Account.

Resolved, That One Battalion of five hundred Rifle Men be immediately got ready to proceed to Bordentown, under the Command of Lieut. Colo. Broadhead, to be employed agreeable to a Requisition of the Honorable the Continental Congress, and that a Letter be wrote to the Convention of New Jersey to provide Waggons, to Transport the Men and Baggage to the place of Destination.

Mr. Owen Biddle having occasion to leave the Board, Mr. George Clymer took the Chair.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Capt. Jno. Hazelwood, for £100, which is directed to be Charged to his account.

Resolved, That Capt. Davis & Capt. McIlvaine be empowered and directed to take up six Shallops to transport a Battalion of Troops from this City to Bordentown, to sail to-morrow.

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There being an immediate necessity of a great Number of Tents and Haversacks to be made up for the Publick service,

Resolved, That Messrs. Bridges, Smith, Kennard, & Collins, be authorized and directed to go through the Town and buy up all the Awnings that can be got; and Also that Messrs. Mason, Bridges, & Moulder, purchase all the Coarse Linnens they can meet with, suitable for the above purposes, the whole to be made up by them as the Board shall hereafter direct.

The following advertisement is ordered to be published in the different News Papers of this City:

"The Committee of Safety hereby Offer a Reward of One hundred Dollars to any Person who shall discover by whom the Pier intended to be sunk near Fort Island, was cut loose from its moorings and turned adrift."

Resolved, That the 6 Canon arrived from New London be sent down immediately to Fort Island, and that Capt. Procter be directed to fit Carriages for them and place as many of them, for the present, on the Platform at the Battery there as it will contain.

Resolved, That a Number of Rough Sheds be made at Billingsport, sufficient to accommodate and Lodge 500 Men, to be employed on the Fortifications intended to be erected there.

That Mr. Robert Smith be directed to carry it into execution with all possible expedition.

The Committee taking into consideration the Memorial of the Board of officers of the City of Philad'a, & for establishing a Patrole of Associators for the safe guard and peace of the City, came to the following Resolution thereupon:

Resolved, That there be three patroles of Associators for the City and suburbs—the Northern District to begin on the north side of Arch street and extend as far as Callow Hill street—the Middle District to begin on the South side of Arch street and extend to the North side of Walnut street, And the Southern District to begin on the south side of Walnut street and extend to Almond street; That each Patrole consist of a commission'd Officer, who shall be allowed five shillings & four privates, who shall be allowed 2s 6 each, for the Nights, and are to patrole from Eleven O'Clock until day Break.

Resolved, That it be Recommended to the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the five Battalions in this City and Liberties, to order and direct the said Patroles and Regulate the Routine of duty in proportion to the strength of each Battalion, and to fix upon proper places for Guard Rooms.

Resolved, That the said Patroles be ordered and instructed carefully to avoid giving any disquiet to the peacable Inhabitants, but to examine all persons of suspicious appearance found in the streets, and confine such as cannot give a good account of themselves, or deliver them to the care of the City Watch; to observe and get the best information of any dangerous meetings of disaffected per-

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sons, and give intelligence thereof to the Committee of Inspection and Observation, or their sub Committee, to whom the Officers of the Patrole are each day to Report every material Occurrence; That the patroles may go beyond the Limits of their respective Districts upon any particular occasion when their services may be necessary.

At a special meeting of the Committee of Safety, July 4th, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Joseph Parker,	John Nixon,
Michael Hillegas,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r,
John Cadwalader,	David Rittenhouse.
James Biddle,	

The Honorable the Continental Congress having sent the following notice to this Committee,

Resolved, That the same be enter'd on the Minutes of this Board, which is as follows:

"Gent'n:

"The Congress passed a Recommendation this day, Requesting a Conference of the Committee of Safety, the Committee of Inspection of this City, the Delegates of New York, New Jersey, & Pennsylvania, and the Commanding Officers of the Association, to devise the most expeditious mode of raising & marching the Militia of this Province to the Assistance of the Neighbouring Colonies.

"I am, Gent'n, Your obed't Serv't,

"Sign'd, ROB'T MORRIS.

"To the Hon'ble the Committee of Safety."

July 4th, 1776.

Resolved, That Mons'r Kermanvor, Engineer, be requested to lay Out the Military Works at Billingsport.

Ordered, That John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, pay Mr. Benja. Wetherby the purchase Money for the Land at Billingsport, and Charge it account of Congress, being six hundred pounds.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 5th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Joseph Parker,	Owen Biddle,
James Biddle,	John Nixon,
George Gray,	David Rittenhouse.
John Cadwalader,	

Resolved, That Mr. James Dunlap be employ'd as Surgeon of the Naval Armament, the Ship excepted, and Artillery, and Superintendants of the Hospital, and that he be allowed Ten shillings ℔ Day, and three Rations.

The Fly armed Vessel, having arrived at New York with 6 Canon for the use of this Province, being a part of the 20 order'd by Congress,

Resolved, That Messrs. Levi Hollingsworth & Tho's Richardson be requested to go to New York, and endeavour to Convey the said Canon to this City in the most Expedious manner.

That they be authorized to hire Carriages for that purpose, either in this City or any other place, as they may judge most proper.

Upon application of Congress for a Quantity of Flints for the use of the Army under General Washington, By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver 30 thousand of them, and in order to their being conveyed to New York with the greatest expedition, four Chaises were employed for that purpose, two of which set off yesterday evening & the other two 4 o'clock this Morning, with a request to the different Committees to aid & assist with Fresh Horses, if found necessary.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock; when the following Members met:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	Joseph Parker,
George Gray,	David Rittenhouse,
Jno. Nixon,	Jno. Cadwalader.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favor of Colo. Sam'l Miles, for One thousand pounds, for the use of the Battalion under his Command.

Capt Jos. Moulder having Exhibited a list of necessaries to equip his Artillery Company for service,

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, supply such articles of said list as he has in store.

That Capt. Moulder procure such articles as the Commissary can't furnish, on the most reasonable terms, and bring in a Bill for Cost for payment.

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Resolved, That Mr. Palmer & Mr. Nicholson be requested to examine and Value the Arms collected from the Non-Associators in this City, & make Report of such Valuation to this Board, and that they be paid a Reasonable allowance for their trouble.

Capt. Alexander was desired to deliver Robert Towers, Commissary, all the powder & Arms taken out of the Brig't Nancy, near Cape May.

As the Militia of this Province is immediately to be called into service, it will be necessary to collect a considerable quantity of Old Linnen for bandages and lint. The Committee, therefore, most earnestly request the good Women of this City to furnish as much as they can spare. The Bearer, , is empowered to receive the same; and such Charitable Ladies as will take the trouble to make lint and furnish it, will merit particular thanks from the publick.

Resolved, That Robert Eastbourne & be employed to collect the old Linnen, &c., as mention'd in the above Address.

Resolved, That Doct'r Thomas Bond, J'r, be requested to procure all the Rags in the Commissary's store, to be made into Bandages and Lint, and this Committee will defray the Expence.

It being Reported to this Committee that there is a present scarcity of suitable Linnen for making tents to accommodate the associators who are about to march to the assistance of our Brethren of the Colony of New Jersey, and that there is a number of Awnings in this City suitable for that purpose,

Resolved, That the Committee of Inspection & Observation be requested to apply to all such persons who are possessed of the same, to spare them to the publick upon this pressing Emergency, allowing them a Reasonable price for the same; & it is hoped that no persons will be so lost to all regard to the publick welfare as to refuse to spare the same; if any such there be, they are to return their names to this Committee, that a proper estimate may be made of their Attachment to their Country.

In Committee of Safety, 6th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chair'n.

Joseph Parker,	George Gray,
Samuel Howell,	Samuel Miles,
James Biddle,	Owen Biddle,
Sam'l Morris, jun'r,	Dan'l Roberdeau.
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	

By order of the Board, Thomas Palmer was directed to deliver to Rob't Towers, Commissary, the whole Number of Rifles made by him by order of this Board.

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By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Colo. Timoth Matlack, for the use of his Battalion, 40 Rifles made by Mr. Palmer, taking a Receipt to be accountable for the same.

Resolved, That Doct'r Dunlap be authorized to employ a Surgeons Mate, whose pay shall be 18 Dollars per Month, & 2 Rations per day.

Resolved, That the pay of the following Officers employed on Board the armed Boats in the service of this Province, be as follows, & to commence the 1st day of June last:

Boatswain,	£3 10	Per month,	
Carpenter,	4	p'r	do.,
Gunner,	4		do.

That the Offices of Steward & Clerk be held by one Person, whose pay shall be £4 10 per Month.

That the pay of the following Officers employed on Board the Provincial Ship & Floating Battery, be as follows, and to Commence the 1st day June last, vizt.:

Boatswain's Mate, - - -	£3	10		per month.
Gunner's Mate, - - - -	3	10		do.
Quarter Masters, - - -	3	7	6	do.
Quarter Gunners, - - -	3	7	6	do.
Steward, - - - - -	4			do.
Steward's Mate, - - - -	3	5		do.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, for fourteen hundred pounds, in favour of Capt. Jos. Cowperthwaite & Mr. Clem't Biddle, being for account of Continental Powder Mill.

Congress having requested this Board to recommend four Gentlemen as suitable persons as Captains to four Companys of Germans, to be raised in this Province, for the Continental service,

Resolved, That the following Gentlemen be recommended to Congress, as proper persons to be appointed Captains to the four Companies aforesaid, vizt.:

Daniel Burkhard,
George Hubley,
Jacob Bunner,
Benjamin Weiser.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt, Paymaster to the Provincial Forces, for Five thousand pounds.

The President of the Congress this day sent the following Resolve of Congress, which is directed to be entered on the Minutes of this Board:

"In Congress, 5th July, 1776:

"*Resolved*, That Copies of the Declaration be sent to the several Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils of Safety, and to the seve-

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ral Commanding Officers of the Continental Troops, that it be proclaimed in each of the United States, and at the Head of the Army.

"By order of Congress.
"sign'd, JOHN HANCOCK, Presid't.

In Consequence of the above Resolve, Letters were wrote to the Counties of Bucks, Chester, Northampton, Lancaster, and Berks, Inclosing Copy of the said Declaration, requesting the same to be publish'd on Monday next, at the places where the Election for Delegates are to be held.

Adjourned to 5 o'Clock; when the following Members Met:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Samuel Howell,	John Cadwalader,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Parker,
James Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, Jun'r.
John Nixon,	

Resolved, That Mr. Maurice Rogers, Cashier & Clerk of Accounts to the Committee of Accounts of this Board, be allowed for his services one hundred & ten pounds per Year.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favor of Colo. Samuel Miles, for one thousand pounds, being for the use of the Troops under his Command.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of Philad'a read, or Cause to be read and proclaimed at the State House, in the City of Philadelphia, on Monday, the Eighth day of July, instant, at 12 o'Clock at Noon of the same day, the Declaration of the Representatives of the United Colonies of America, and that he cause all his Officers, and the Constables of the said City, to attend the reading thereof.

Resolved, That every Member of this Committee in or near the City, be ordered to meet at the Committee Chamber, before 12 o'Clock, on Monday, to proceed to the State House, where the Declaration of Independence is to be proclaimed.

The Committee of Inspection of the City and Liberties were requested to attend the Proclamation of Independence, at the State House, on Monday next, at 12 o'Clock.

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In Committee of Safety, 8th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

GEORGE CLYMER, Chairman.

Joseph Parker,	James Riddle,
John Nixon,	David Rittenhouse,
Owen Biddle,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Michael Hillegas,	John Cadwalader,
George Gray,	Sam'l Morris,
Samuel Howell,	James Mease,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, for ten thousand pounds, in favour of John Nixon. Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts.

Resolved, That Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, deliver out as much Powder to each Battalion of Associators as will make Eight Rounds, to be used in training them, and it is Recommended to the Officers to have the Cartridges for that purpose, made up at the Rate of Eighty to the pound, which Mr. Towers will acquaint them of.

Resolved, That Mr. John Dunlap, Print 300 Copies of the Rules & Regulations for the Government of the Continental Army, for the use of the Associators going into Continental service.

Resolved, That the Iron Masters employed in Casting Canon or shot for the publick service, in the Counties of Chester, Lanc'r and Berks, be permitted to employ any of the soldiers, Prisoners of War, at Lancaster and Reading, as Labourers in the said Business, giving an Account to the Committees of Lancaster and Reading of the times of such soldiers as they shall so employ.

Resolved, That Capt. Boyce be requested to give leave of absence for One Week, to Thomas Prudden, now belonging to his Boat, to assist Capt. Delaney in preparing necessaries for the Battalions.

Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Colo. Sam'l Miles as many Knapsacks & Canteens, as he may have Occasion for for the use of the Provincial Battalions under his Command.

Resolved, That Doct'r Adam Kuhn be appointed Physician & director General of the Hospital, for the Provincial Troops under orders for New Jersey.

Resolved, That Doct'r Kuhn be requested to Adjust a plan for the Establishment of said Hospital.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that no Persons employed by or by order of this Committee, in making Guns. Gunlocks, Chevaux, de Frize, Piers, or any other work for the account of the Public, should Quit their Employments to March with

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the Militia, now to be drawn out, without the special leave of this Board.

Adjourned to 5 o'Clock; when the following Members met:

OWEN BIDDLE, Chair'n.

Samuel Howell,	George Gray,
Jos. Parker,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
David Rittenhouse,	James Biddle,
	Samuel Miles.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Colo. Sam'l Miles or his order, Two hundred weight of Lead, for the use of the Troops under his Command.

Resolved, That the Committee of Assembly for superintending the printing the Emmission of Eighty-five thousand pounds by the Resolve of Assembly, be Authorized to Employ those Persons appointed by Assembly to sign the said Money that will best expedite the signing of the same.

Resolved, That Doct'r Charles Bensel, Joseph Ferree, & Leonard Stoneburner, be appointed to Collect all the Leaden Window weights, Clock weights, and other Lead in Germantown and its Neighborhood, for which the Liberal price of six Pence per pound will be allowed, and they are authorized to draw on this Board for the same.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 9th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

David Rittenhouse,	John Cadwalader,
Joseph Parker,	George Gray,
George Gray,	George Clymer,
Sam'l Morris,	Tho's Wharton, jun'r.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Colo. John Cadwalader 9 Provincial Firelocks, for the use of the Associators of his Battalion.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commis'y, was directed to deliver to Colo. Homes, for the Use of an Artillery Comp'y of New Jersey, two hund'd pounds of Lead, receiving six pence per pound for the same.

Resolved, That Doct'r Dunlap be impowered and required to purchase all such Drugs, Medecines, Chirurgical Instruments, and Necessaries, for the use of the Hospital under his care, as shall be requisite for that service, upon the best terms he is able, & send in the accounts to this Board for Payment.

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of Colo. Samuel Miles, for five hundred pounds, for the use of the Troops under his Command.

Upon application to Congress by this Board for the Loan of sum of Money for the service of this Board,

The following order was sent to this Committee by Rob't Morris, Esq'r, Vizt:

"In Congress, June 28, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That the Treasurers be impowered to advance to the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand Dollars, the Colony of Pennsylvania to be accountable.

"Extract from the Minutes,

"Sign'd, CHA'S. THOMSON, Sec'y."

"*Resolved*, That the above order of Congress for one hundred thousand Dollars, be put into the hands of John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts of this Board.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Committee of Inspection for the County of Bucks, immediately to appoint some fit & trusty Person to cause all the Fire Arms collected from the Associators in that County, to be repaired and made fit for service with all possible Dispatch, and the Accounts of such Repair, certified by such person, & countersign'd by the Chairman of the said Committee, with the reasonable Charge of such Person so employed, shall be paid by this Board.

Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to furnish Colo. Miles with samples of Powder, that he may make Choice of that that will best suit the Rifles, and five hundred Flints.

Resolved, That Doct'r John Davis, of the 1st Rifle Battalion in the service of this Province, be authorized to purchase a Case of Surgeons Pocket Instruments.

Ordered, That such Prisoners from North Carolina as choose, may be permitted to write to their friends there, such letters to be inspected by this Committee; And the Gaoler is to take care that all the paper deliver'd into the prisoners, be used in such letters or Returned him.

The Memorial of Ludwick Kargher, Agent Victualler for the three Battalions in the pay of this Province, being read & Considered, this Committee recommended him to the Delegates of this Province in Congress, to apply to the hon'ble Congress for Redress.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock; when the following Members Met:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

Samuel Howell,	Joseph Parker,
Jno. Nixon,	David Rittenhouse,
Sam'l Morris, jun'r,	James Biddle.
George Gray,	

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Clement Biddle, Esq'r, D. Q'r M'r G'l, the following

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Articles for the use of the Continent, taking a Receipt for the same, vizt:

50 Picks.
50 Spades.
100 Shovels.
50 Hand barrows.
30 Wheel Barrows.
50 Hatchets.
50 Pitching Axes.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Colo. Tho's McKean of the 4th Batt'n, the following Articles:

1200 Flints.

1 Quarter Cask of Powder, to be made into small Cartridges for Training.

60 Pikes.

Powder & Lead to supply 60 Rifle Men.

The Honorable Congress sent the following Resolve to this Board, which is directed to be enter'd on the Minutes:

Resolved, That the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, be directed to take the Parole of Allen McDonald of Kingsborough, who is now confined in the Gaol of this city, and upon his signing his Parole, that they assign him his place of residence, & treat him agreeable to Resolutions of Congress.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"Sign'd CHA'S THOMSON, Sect'y.'

Agreeable to the above Resolve of Congress, the said Allen McDonald gave his Parole and word of Honor, to go to Reading in Berks County, and other matters, as will appear by his Parole.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 10th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

OWEN BIDDLE, Chair'n.

Joseph Parker,	James Biddle,
John Nixon,	George Gray,
Alex'r Wilcocks,	Geo. Clymer,
Samuel Howell,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r.

Resolved, That Doct'r Dunlap be desired to receive the Bandages and Rags that Doct'r Bond receiv'd & had made by request of this Board.

Yesterday 10 of the Men confined in Gaol, that were taken with Capt. Campbel some time past, were discharged, they having been qualified to proceed to York Town & reside there, or within such distance as the Committee of Inspection of that town shall limit.

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Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Capt. Cowperthwaite 4 Firelocks, with the accoutrements, for the use of his light Infantry Company.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Joseph Moulder, for twenty-five pounds, to be Charged to his account, for purchasing Tin for the use of this Province.

Resolved, That this Committee will pay Fifty pounds to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend Major Rogers & deliver to this Board.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Capt. Francis Wade, for seventy pounds, which is directed to be Charged to his acc't.

Resolved, That Mr. Towers be directed to deliver to General Roberdeau's Order all the Provincial Arms in his possession, That a just distribution be made of them amongst the four Musket Battalions of Associators in this City.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of George Spangler, for Ten pounds, for defraying the Expences of Capt. Campbel's Men, discharged from Confinement and ordered to York Town, which is directed to be Charged to his account.

Resolved, That George Spangler conduct the Prisoners of War from this City to York Town, there to be station'd, under the care of the Committee of that Town.

In Committee of Safety, July 11th, 1776.

PRESENT:

ALEX'R WILCOCKS, Chair'n.

Geo. Clymer,	Sam'l Miles,
James Mease,	Tho's Wharton, Jun'r,
Sam'l Howell,	David Rittenhouse,
Jos. Parker,	Jno. Nixon,
Owen Biddle,	George Gray.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Mr. Clement Biddle, Q'r M'r Gen'l, the following Articles, taking a Receipt for the same:

850 Knapsacks.
900 Cartouch Boxes.
900 Bayonet Belts.
1000 Brushes & Wires.
6 Hampers' Tent pins.
12 Awnings.

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Intrenching Tools, to make up one half of the whole quantity in Store.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of John Pollard, for £23 12 6, the am't of 5 Rifles purchased by Colo. T'y Matlack for the use of his Battalion.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Messrs. R't Smith, Wm. Ball, & B. Harbeson, for twenty-five pounds, for purchasing Awnings for making Tents.

Captain Loxley & Mr. Daniel King are hereby order'd to take immediate possession of Morgan Bustead's Air Furnace, for the Public use, and this Committee will be Answerable to the said Bustead.

Resolved, That Mr. Rob't Smith, Sail Maker, be requested to attend Messrs. Smith, Ball, & Harbeson, to inspect and Value such Awnings as they may show him, for which they are to pay the several owners, agreeable to the valuation, & which he is desired to make up with all possible speed into Tents.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, for two hundred & Fifty pounds, in favour of Mr. Abraham Mason, for the purchase of Canvass for Tents.

Resolved, That Mr. Kemble & Mr. John Young, Jun'r, be desired immediately to deliver Robert Towers, Commissary, such Fire Arms as are in their possession; and such as are fit for use, or may Conveniently be made so, be Valued by him, and this Committee will pay for them.

The Board, understanding that Capt. Loxley & Mr. King are about to Erect a Boring Mill near the City, it is Recommended to them to Compleat the Work without loss of time, as it may be immediately employed, greatly to the public service.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle procure for the use of this Province double the Quantity of entrenching Tools already provided.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A., 12th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAMUEL HOWELL, Chair'n.

Michael Hillegas,
Owen Biddle,
Joseph Parker,
James Biddle,
David Rittenhouse,
Samuel Miles.
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,
Samuel Morris, Jun'r,
George Clymer,
John Nixon,
John Cadwalader.

This Committee some time past Freighted & hired the Brig't Nancy, Capt. Montgomery, on a Voyage for procuring arms & ammunition, on Account of this Province, and having engaged to secure the Value of the said Vessel to the owners in case of loss: *And Whereas*, the said Brigt. Nancy, on her Return from St. Thomas with Powder and other goods, was Run on shore near Cape May and lost; In Consequence thereof, the owners of said Vessel exhibited an Account against this Committee for the Value of said Brig't and other matters therein mention'd; Therefore,

Resolved, That Robort Morris, Thomas Wharton, Jun'r, & Robert Whyte, Esq'r, the Committee for Importing Powder, Arms, &ca, be authorized to settle the above mention'd account, and make Report to this Board.

Resolved, That Messrs. George Gray, James Biddle, Geo. Clymer, & Owen Biddle, be a Committee to draw up a plan for the support of the Families of the poor Associators that are gone and are now going upon the president Expedition into the Jerseys, and make Report of their proceedings to-morrow.

The Powder Committee Report that they have examined the accounts exhibited by Joseph Shallcross, & Co., respecting the loss of the Brig't Nancy, amounting to £1457 10, and find it reasonable and just.

In Consequence thereof, An order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of said Joseph Shallcross & Co., for the said sum of £1457 10.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Henry McKeever, for £4 15, being the Price of a Rifle sold Colo. Matlack, for the use of his Battalion.

Upon application of General Roberdeau, for the following Articles for the use of the Armed Brig't Venus, going on a Voyage for Arms and Ammunition, Robert Towers, Commissary, is directed to deliver them, and are as follows:

half a hundred of Gunpowder,
60 lbs. Musket Shot,
60 Swivel shot,
12 two pound shot.

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Resolved, That the pay of the Artillery Company of this Province, under the Command of Capt. Procter, be encreased to Continental pay.

A Letter was this day receiv'd from James Potts, Esq'r, inclosing his Commission as Major in the Musquet Battalion in the service of this Province, desiring leave to resign his appointment.

Resolved, That Major James Potts have leave to resign his Commission.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock; when the following Members Met:

SAMUEL HOWELL, Chairman.

George Clymer,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	George Gray,
James Biddle,	Sam'l Miles.

Lieut. Webb, of the Armed Boat Bull Dog, having been suspended from Duty, by a Court Martial, during the pleasure of the Commodore, who has Resign'd his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Lieut. John Webb be restored to his Command as Lieutenant.

The Honorable Congress having requested this Board to recommend proper persons as Lieutenants & Ensigns to the four Companies of Germans to be raised in this service, for the Continental service.

Resolved, That the following Gentlemen be recommended to Congress as proper persons to be appointed as aforesaid:

as First Lieutenants—Frederick Rowlwagen,
Peter Boyer,
William Rice,
Jacob Bower.

as Second Lieutenants—George Hawbecker,
John Laudenberger,
George Schaffer,
Frederick Yeiser.

as Ensigns—John Weidman,
Christian Helm,
Jacob Cramer,
Christian Godfried Swartz.

The following Representation was this day drawn up, approved, and Copies directed to be sent to the Committees of Inspection & Observation of the different Counties of this State:

"WHEREAS, the Assembly, in one of their late Sessions, did Authorize and direct the Committees of Inspection & Observation to collect all the Arms from Non-Associators within the Province, which there is great reason to believe has not, in many places, been executed with sufficient care and diligence; And as there is a pressing and immediate necessity of Arming all the Associators in

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the Province, our Lives, our Fortunes, and Liberties depending probably on the Efforts made this Campaign, the respective Committees of Inspection & Observation are reminded of this Important part of their duty; And the Committee of Safety most earnestly Recommend to them a Vigorous Exertion of all their Power to accomplish the Views and intentions of the Assembly in this Respect."

In Committee of Safety, 13th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

George Clymer, Jos. Parker,
Alexander Wilcocks, Sam'l Morris.
Owen Biddle,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of John Cobourne for Two hundred & fifty pounds, which is directed to be charged to his account.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 15th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES MEASE, Chair'n.

George Clymer, Joseph Parker,
David Rittenhouse, John Nixon,
Sam'l Morris, George Ross.
Samuel Howell,

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to Deliver to Colo. George Ross fifteen Rifles for the use of his Battalion of Associators, taking Receipts for the same.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Doctor Harris for One hundred pounds, to be Charged to his account for Manufacturing Gunpowder.

At a Board held yesterday Evening, at the Coffee House, the following Resolve was entered into:

Resolved, That Mr. Towers be directed to put up in Boxes 100,000 Musket Cartridges, to be sent to Jersey, agreeable to a Requisition of Congress, to be replaced immediately by the Marine Committee.

Resolved, That no person at present employed in any Branch of the Manufactory of small Arms, should be suffered to leave that ne-

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cessary business, and every officer of the Militia is requested to pay proper attention to this Resolve.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Messrs. Wilcocks, De Haven & Peters, for Five hundred pounds, to be Charged to their account.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favor of Samuel Morris, Esq'r, for six hundred & fifty pounds, towards the payment of timber for the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Robert Smith, for Five hundred pounds, to be Charged to his account, for building Chevaux de Frize, &c., at Billingsport.

Abraham Marshall having applied to this Board for leave to Resign his Commission as Captain of a Company in the Musket Battalion in the service of this Province,

Resolved, That the said Abraham Marshall have leave to Resign.

Resolved, That Mr. Joseph McClellan, at present a Lieuten't in the Battalion of Musquettry, be and he is hereby appointed a Captain in said Battalion, in the Room of Capt. Marshall, Resign'd.

Resolved, That Mr. James Lang, at present an Ensign in the Musquet Battalion, be and he is hereby appointed a Lieutenant in said Battalion, in the Room of Joseph McClellan, promoted.

This Board being informed that Mr. Jno. Baker, of Norrington, has a number of Provincial Fire arms in his possession, By order of the Board, he was directed to deliver them to Colo. Hill, taking a Receipt for the same.

Ordered, That the Commissary inquire into the value of the Musket lost by Jasper Carpenter in the service, and supply him with one of equal Value out of the publick store.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Benjamin Weatherby for Fifty pounds, being for the payment of a House purchased of him, on the Land purchased for acc't of Congress, for erecting Fortifications at Billingsport, which sum is directed to be Charged to account of Congress.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Capt. James Sterling, for one hundred dollars, being towards the payment of the Expences of 13 Men, applied for as an Escort to the Prisoners from Burlington, going by order of Congress to York Town, in this Province.

Resolved, That agreeable to the request of General Roberdeau, the 13 Men that go as a Guard with the party under the Command of

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Capt. Sterling, with the Prisoners from Burlington, be allowed Horses, at the Expence of the Continent.

By order of the Board, Reuben Haines was directed to Furnish Jacob Miers with ten shilling Beer as he may want it.

In pursuance of a Requisition from Congress to this Committee, to order all the British Officers Prisoners in this City, immediately to the respective places of their Destination.

Resolved, That the said Officers be required to leave this City within twenty-four Hours, and repair straightways to the places where they are ordered to reside, and that a Copy of this Resolve be served on each of them, to the end it may be strictly complied with.

WHEREAS, the Assembly of this Province did in a former Session Resolve, That if any Associator called into Actual service shall leave a family not of Ability to maintain themselves in his Absence, the Overseers of the poor, with the concurrence of one Justice of the Peace of the City or County where such Associator did reside, shall immediately make Provision by way of Pension, for the maintenance of such Family; and a true and proper account being kept thereof, shall be returned to the Assembly, in order that the same may be made a Provincial Expence, and paid accordingly. And as it is the opinion of this Committee, That the Funds of the said Overseers will prove greatly insufficient, whenever any considerable number of Associators shall be drawn into Actual service, & that the Administering to the wants of such Families, by the Hands of the Overseers, will not be satisfactory to the Associators, or be likely to Answer the good ends proposed,

Therefore, Resolved, That this Committee will, out of the Funds of which they have the Disposition, make such provision as shall be thought necessary to answer the said Purposes, & that it be recommended to the Committees of Inspection and Observation of the City of Philadelphia, and the several Counties in the Province to nominate and appoint a proper Number of Judicious Persons residing in the said City and Counties respectively, to distribute to such distressed Families the allowance they shall judge reasonable.

And that the said Committees be empowered to draw, as they shall see occasion, on this Board, for the Necessary sums of Money, to be by them lodged in the Hands of the Persons so nominated and appointed, to be applied as is above directed, the said Committees to Return Accounts to this Board of the expenditure of the same.

Resolved, That the above be published in the different Newspapers of this City.

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In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 16th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

OWEN BIDDLE, Chairman.

George Clymer, James Biddle,
Samuel Howell, Alex'r Wilcocks,
Robert Morris, James Mease.
Thomas Wharton, Jun'r,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Adam Zantzinger, for £163 15, which, with one other order on Rob't Towers, to deliver 200 lbs. Gunpowder, is in full for 855 lbs. of Salt petre, manufactured at Lancaster, and receiv'd by the Commissary for account of this Board.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts in favour of John Morton for £310, being the balance of the Brig't Dolphin's Freight, a Bill having been drawn for said sum by Stephen Ceronia, on this Committee in favour of said Morton, which Bill has not yet appeared, & this is in full discharge of it.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Acco't, in favour of Rob't Ritchie, for £48 5 6, for an Old Scow for a Hulk, an Anchor, Cabouse, &c.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of Colo. Samuel Miles, for five hundred pounds, for the use of the Troops under his Command.

In Consequence of the following Resolve of Congress, Mr. M'Donald was discharged from his Confinement, and his parole taken:

"In Congress, 15th July, 1776.

"*Resolved*, That Alexander M'Donald, son of Capt. Allen M'Donald, be liberated on his Parole & allowed to reside with his Father.

"Extract from the Minutes.
"Sign'd, CHAS. THOMSON, Sect'y."

By order of the Board, and in Consequence of a Request from the Marine Committee of Congress, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Capt. James Stirling, for two Hundred & fifty-two pounds ten shillings, which with the order drawn yesterday in his favour, is three hundred pounds, the amount of the Requisition of the said Committee.

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Joshua Tomlinson, for two hundred pounds, being so much advanced him towards Gun Barrel Making.

"*Resolved*, That Mr. Thomas Penrose & Mr. Arthur Donaldson be requested, and they are hereby Authorized to fix the two Piers at their proper stations in the line of the upper Chevaux de Frize, near Fort Island, and also to fasten the Boom thereto."

The Committee taking into Consideration the extraordinary trouble of Capt. Whyte in attending and directing the Building & sinking Chevaux de Frize, and other publick services out of doors, are of Opinion he is entitled to Receive One hundred & fifty pounds for such services, And an order is drawn in his favour on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts for said sum.

The Hon'ble Continental Congress having desired this Board to settle an Allowance for the Maintenance of Mrs. Connolly, and the Board taking the same into Consideration, do

Resolve, That Mrs. Connolly be allowed 30s per Week for the time she has been detained by Congress, and that in future she be allowed 25s per Week, until otherwise directed by Congress.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 17th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chair'n.

Joseph Parker,	George Gray,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Michael Hillegas,
Joseph Parker,	Samuel Morris, jun'r.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Thomas Nevill, for two hundred pounds, and charge the same to the account Nevill, Roe, Derry & Kinsley, for purchasing Lead for the use of this Province.

By order of the Board, An order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of William McHenry, for twenty-four pounds, being the amount of Eight Muskets purchased by Colo. Tho. M'Kean, for the use of the Associators of his Battalion.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Mr. Allen McDonald, for £7 10, being so much allowed for taking him & his son to Reading, which is directed to be charged to account of Congress, they being two of the North Carolina Prisoners released from Confinement by order of Congress.

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By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of Colo. Samuel Atlee, for the use of the Battalion under his Command, for six hundred pounds.

The Families who have leaden Window or Clock Weights, are earnestly requested to give them up immediately to the Persons appointed to Collect them. Such Families may be assured that they will be supplied as soon as possible with Weights of Iron, and it is hoped the trifling Inconvenience of being for a few days without them, will not be put in Competition with the Danger that may Arise to this Country from the want of a sufficient Quantity of Lead for our Defence.

It being Recommended to this Committee by the Convention, to take the necessary Steps respecting the Guard directed by Congress to be kept in this City,

Resolved, That the four Companies of Militia of this City and Liberties, detain'd by General Roberdeau as Guard, for this City, Namely Capt. Smythers' of the first Batt'n, Capt. Peters' of the 2nd, Capt. Wharton's of the 3rd, And the Company late Commanded by Capt. Burkhard of the 4th, be required to attend their duty regularly and punctually, under the orders and Command of Capt. Peters. And the Commanding Officers of the said Companies are required to enroll into the same, All such Associators as, from particular Circumstances, cannot march with the Militia now called into service for the flying Camp; And all such Associators are earnestly exhorted to enroll themselves in some one of the said Companies, for this necessary and important service, in which they are to continue during the absence of the Companies to which they Respectively belong.

Resolved, That the Baggage taken on Board the Transport
And now in the care of Mr. Robert Towers, Com'ry, be valued by some indifferent Person, And such part of it as is needfull for the public service, be deliver'd to Clem't Biddle, D Q'r M'r G'l, on his order or application for that purpose.

In Committee of Safety.

"PHILADELPHIA, 18th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

JAMES BIDDLE, Chair'n.

Michael Hillegas,	George Gray,
James Mease,	Samuel Morris, jun'r,
Samuel Howell,	James Parker.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Clement Biddle, Dep'y Q'r M'r G'l, half a ton of

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Buck & Swan Shot, for the use of the Flying Camp in the Jersey, to be Charg'd to Congress.

Resolved, That the Marines on Board the Ship & Floating Battery, be allowed fifty shillings per month, to commence the 1st Day of June last.

The Committee agree with John Kerlin for fifty Muskets and Bayonets, to be made according to Pattern, at Eighty-five Shillings each.

Resolved, That Colo. Hockley be requested to prove such Guns as shall be made by John Kerlin, for the use of this Committee.

In Committee of Safety.

PHILAD'A, 19th July, 1776.

PRESENT:

ALEX'R WILCOCKS, Chair'n.

John Nixon,	George Gray,
Samuel Howell,	Michael Hillegas,
Joseph Parker,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers, Commiss'y, was directed to deliver to Peter De Haven 100 lbs. Copper, for mounting of Firelocks, for the use of this Province.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, for £46 11 3, being in favour of Mr. Peter De Haven, for 186¾ lbs. of salt petre, manufactured at the Provincial Works.

Resolved, That Mr. James Carter be appointed one of the Committee for superintending the making of Firelocks and the Gun Lock Manufactory, for the use of this Province.

The Committee taking into Consideration the extraordinary trouble of Mr. Samuel Morris, jun'r, in attending and directing the Building of Chevaux de Frize, procuring Loggs, and other publick services out of Doors, are of Opinion he is entitled to Receive one hundred & fifty pounds,

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, for the above sum of £150, in favour of Mr. Morris, for the purpose aforesaid.

The order of this Board, placing the Guard to be kept in this City under the Command of Capt. Peters, being made under the apprehension that Capt. Peters was the Officer of highest Rank now in Town, The said order is now altered, and the Guard will receive the Commands of Lieut. Colo. Nixon.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of Mr. Thomas

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Savidge, for four hundred pounds, to be Charged to his acc't, for the Salt Works, to be erected at the Charge of this Province

Resolved, That Mr. Howell, Mr. Hillegas, & Mr. Gray, be Committee to settle all the Accounts of Mr. Arthur Donaldson, and pass them for Payment.

Resolved, That Robert Towers, Commissary, be authorized to exchange the thin plate Copper that he has belonging to this Province, for other good Copper, to any Tradesmen that may apply for the same.

WM. GOVETT, Sect'y.

In Committee of Safety, July 20th, 1776.

PRESENT:

ALEX'R WILCOCKS, Chair'n.

George Clymer,	Joseph Parker,
John Nixon,	Samuel Howell,
Mich'l Hillegas,	Sam'l Morris, Jun'r.
Owen Biddle,	

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts, in favour of John Mitchell, Commissary of Provisions, for Fifteen hundred pounds, which is directed to be charged to his Account.

Resolved, That Brig'r General McKinley have permission to purchase in Lancaster fifty Rifles.

Resolved, That Mr. Gray & Mr Parker be a Committee for settling the accounts of George Kitts, for furnishing the Troops under the Command of Colo. Atlee with Provisions, and that the said Committee be Authorized to draw on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer, for the balance.

Resolved, That Mr. John Mitchell be requested to settle the account of Provisions furnished the Boats under the Command of Commodore Caldwell, by sundry persons at Wilmington, at the time they were going down the Bay, when the Roebuck was on shore on the Brandy Wine.

Resolved, That the Directors of the Provincial Lock Manufactory, be requested to direct to be repair'd at said Works, the Arms belonging to the Associators of Colo. Lewis's Battalion.

WM. GOVETT, Sect'y.

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In Committee of Safety,

PHILAD'A., 22nd July, 1776.

PRESENT:

Samuel Howell,
George Clymer,
Samuel Morris,
George Gray,
Joseph Parker,
Michael Hillegas,
John Nixon.

Agreeable to a Resolve of the 20th, Mr. Gray & Mr. Parker, a Committee to settle the accounts of George Kitts, Report that they have settled the same, and find a balance of £418 15 8¼ due him, for which they have drawn an order in his favour, on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, and others, the Committee of Accounts, for six hundred Pounds, in favour of Michael Bright, which is directed to be Charged to the Commissioners & Assessors of Berks County, for the payment of Firelocks made in that County, for the use of this Province.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John Nixon, Esq'r, & others, the Committee of Accounts., in favour of Maurice Rogers, for £73 6 8, being his salary for Eight Months as Clerk to the Committee of Accounts.

The Convention this day sent the following Resolve to this Board, Vizt:

"In Convention for the State of Pennsylvania.
"Monday, July 22nd 1776, A. M.

"*Moved an Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety for this State lay their accounts and proceedings before this Convention.

"Ordered, that Mr. Clymer communicate this Resolve to the said Committee.

"Extract from the Minutes,
"Sign'd JOHN MORRIS, Sec'ry."

Resolved, That the Minutes of this Board be laid before the Convention, And that this Committee furnish the state of their Accounts, relative to the Expenditures of all Monies for the Service of this Colony.

Resolved, That Mr. Parker & Mr. S'l Morris, be a Committee to examine and settle the Accounts of Capt. Richardson, Capt. Falconer, & Capt. Simmons, and when adjusted, be authorized to pass the same.

WM. GOVETT, Sec'ty.

[End of the proceedings of Committee of Safety.]

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Council of Safety Chamber, July 24th, 1776.

PRESENT:

David Rittenhouse, Frederick Kuhl,
Owen Biddle, Col. John Bull,
James Cannon, and Timothy Mattlack.
Joseph Blewer,

A Quorum of Gentlemen Appointed by the Convention of the State of Pennsylvania, And George Ross, Esq'r, Vice President of Convention.

The following resolution of Convention was Read:

[Resolution not in Council Book.]

Thereupon the said Declaration was taken & Subscribed accordingly, & Mr. Ross withdrew.

Mr. Rittenhouse was requested to take the Chair for the day.

Samuel Morris, Sen'r, Esq'r, appeared and took the Qualification directed by the Convention.

Doct'r Thomas Young, of the Philadelphia Rifle Battalion, laid an account before the board for necessaries supplied by him for the said Battalion, amounting to £12 19 5, and Certified by Wm. Shippen, jun'r, Surgeon General & Director of the Hospital.

Ordered, That Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, be requested to pay the said Account and Charge it to Congress.

It being Represented to this Board that a number of Col. Miles' Men were Sick in the Barracks, and Stood in need of better Accommodations & necessaries for their recovery,

Resolved, That Doctor Thomas Parke be directed to attend them, & to have the Necessary provisions for their Accommodations made.

Resolved, That Captain Peters be authorized to have the Stage in the State House yard fitted up for the Accommodation of the Guard, And that he Provide a Sufficient number of Camp Kettles for their use.

On motion, Agreed, That an order be Issued to Thomas Palmer to deliver Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary of Stores, Seventeen Riffles, & to Mr. Balwin to deliver Mr. Towers Eight Riffles, & that Mr. Towers deliver them to Capt. John Douglass.

Agreed, That Sachervill Wood be appointed Door-Keeper.

An order was drawn in favour of John Willis for Four pounds, for a Riffle delivered Col. Matlack, & that the same be Charged to him.

Resolved, That Colo. Bull be empowered to procure sixty Pikes and a sufficient number of Tomhawks for the use of his Battalion, and that the arms of his Battalion be repaired at the Provincial Factory.

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In Council of Safety, July 24th, 1776.—P. M.

PRESENT:

David Rittenhouse,	Edward Bartholomew,
Owen Biddle,	Timothy Mattlack,
James Cannon,	John Bull.
Frederick Kuhl,	

A letter from the Committee of Berks County was laid before the Board, and the same being Considered, and it being therein Represented to this Board that some Misrepresentation of the intention of Congress has arisen amongst the Associators of this State and the Officers who were appointed to form the Flying Camp, with respect to the March and Arangement of the Associators & militia, who were to compose the said Camp, and in order that it may be better understood, it is

Resolved, That all the Militia who may be furnished and equip'd agreeable to the Resolve of Congress, do march to such Place as they have been respectively ordered by Congress; and that the persons who have been appointed Captains in the Flying Camp, & have not Inlisted 25 Men for that service, do return them to their respective Corps of Associators to which they formerly belonged and Continue with them. The appointment of the Officers for the Flying Camp still to continue, and the men already enlisted to be considered as bound by their enlistment, and to be continued in service when the Militia may be permitted to return, and subject to the further orders of the Convention or of this Board; And it is further Recommended that those Companies which have been raised to form the Flying Camp, which already consists of 25 Privates and upwards, do Immediately proceed to Trenton or Brumswick, as heretofore directed.

Resolved, That this Board will allow the Officers who were appointed to command the Flying Camp, all such reasonable expences as have accrued in the recruiting Service.

The Following Letter was wrote to the Committee of Berks County, & sign'd by the Chairman:

"Gent'n:

"Your Letter of 22nd Inst., to the Hon'ble B. Franklin, Esq'r, Presid't of the Convention, was referred by the Hon. Convention to the Council of Safety. They must acknowledge the Laudable Zeal with which your Committee has, at all times, carried into execution the recommendation of such powers as acted under the People; But particularly your ready & chearfull Obedience to the Ordinance of Convention for disarming of non-Associators.

"The embarrassments you Labor under in Consequence of Resolves of Congress & others, which, from the confused state of the times, appeared somewhat Contradictory, appears to us excusable.

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In order to render the intentions of Congress more Plain & Comprehensive, and to answer their expectations, The Council of Safety have inclosed you their Resolution upon that matter, requesting that you will take such Measures to publish it through your district as will be most Effectual & expeditious, and that you would encourage the Associators to turn out upon this very important Immergency.

"By order of the Council of Safety."

In Council of Safety, July 25th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

Timothy Matlack,	Frederick Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon,
Jos. Blewer,	B. Bartholomew,
Owen Biddle,	John Moore.

Mr. Bartholomew & Mr. Moore took & Subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

Moved & agreed, That Jacob S. Howell be appointed Secretary to this Board, untill further order be taken herein.

Henry Keppele appeared, and took and subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

A Resolve of Convention was read, which is as follows:

"In Convention for the State of Pennsylvania,
"July 24th, 1776, A. M.

"On Motion,

"*Resolved*, That the two Companies of Fifty men each, now raising by the Committee of Westmoreland for the defence of the Frontiers, be considered as Militia in actual Service from the time of their Inlistment to the 5th day of August next;

"And also that it be referred to the Council of Safety to consider whether they will keep the same in pay untill the 15 day of Sept'r next, Provided the Officers, or any of them, should not be sooner appointed in, or any of the men before that time enter into the Continental Battalion now to be raised in Bedford & Westmoreland Counties.

"Extract from the Minutes.

"JOHN MORRIS, Sec'y."

The above being Considered,

Resolved, That the said two Companies be Continued in pay untill the 15 Sept'r next, and that application be made to Congress to defray the expence thereof.

Mr. Wharton appeared & took & subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

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In Council of Safety, July 26th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon,
Fred. Kuhl,	Hon. Keppele, j'r,
Timothy Matlack,	Owen Biddle,
Jos. Blewer,	Tho's Wharton, j'r.

Mr. Rittenhouse & Mr. Morris were appointed to wait on Mr. Sam'l Howell & Mr. Sam'l Morris, J'r, to know whether they will serve in this Council, who report that they both decline serving for the Present.

A Petition was presented from Charles Lawrence, Wm. Watkin, & Rob. Tatnall, Capt'n of Guard Boats stationed at Darby Creek, setting forth the Inconvenience of taking their Provisions from the Fort, & praying that Mr. Sketchly Morton may be appointed to supply them in future.

Ordered, That Mr. Sketchly Morton do supply the said Boats with Provisions untill further orders.

Two orders were drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of Benja. Davis, one for £79 15 0 for Colours, Drums, &ca., supplied Col. Mile's Battalion, the other for £80 11 9 for Colours, Drums, &c., supplied Col. Atlee's Battalion.

An order was drawn on M. Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of John Messersmith, for £12 10.

On a Petition from John Peal, Boatswain of the Ranger, setting forth that he was in Confinement, & prays to be released & removed to another Boat,

Ordered, That a Court Martial be held on the said Peal, and a Court of enquiry on the officer who confined him, as soon as Possible, & report the sentence to this board.

By order of the Board, Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Colo. Robert Lewis 50 Muskets & Bayonets.

In Consequence of an application made by Daniel King, to have Capt. Loxley returned to this City, the following letter was wrote by to Gen. Roberdeau & signed by the Chairman:

"Sir:

"As you are not unacquainted with the Resolutions of the late Committee of Safety, to have a number of Brass Field Peices cast, and the necessity which gave rise to it, It will be needless to enlarge thereon, but as the board have not had the success they wish in their attempt to cast Iron Cannon, it becomes more necessary for this Board to Promote & forward the said Intention to the utmost of their Power, but the absence of Capt. Loxley with his Artillery Company, who has the Chief Management & Superinten-

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dance of the foundary, has occasioned almost the entire Stopage of that Important business. The Council of Safety have therefore to request you to return Capt. Loxley to the Canon Foundary, as he will be likely to serve his Country more effectually in that station than any other; a day's delay in this business may be attended with the most Serious Consequences; we do therefore hope it will be done as soon as Possible."

In Council of Safety.—July 27th, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAM'L MORRIS, Chairman.

David Rittenhouse,	Owen Biddle,
Fred. Kuhl,	Henry Keppele,
Tho's Wharton, jun'r,	James Cannon,
Jos. Blewer,	Col. John Bull.

By order of the Board, Rob't Towers was order'd to deliver to Col. Porter 7 Muskets, taking his receipt.

Resolved, That John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, be appointed Treas'r to this Board, & that he enter into Bond with two reputable Freeholders for £5,000, for the faithfull discharge of his Office.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favour of Marshall Edwards, for £2 5 0.

By order of the Board an order was drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Edw'd Bartholomew, for £500, towards Haversacks, &ca., purchased for the use of the Militia, & directed the same to be charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board, Rob't Towers was ordered to deliver Col. Clement Biddle, D. Q. M. G. or his assistants here, 2 Tons Lead, & 2 Tons of Powder, made into Cartridges, for the use of the army under Gen. Mercer, to be charged to Congress.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Col. Geo. Ross, for £63 1 6, being for arms Purchased for the use of his Batalion, to be charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board, R Towers was ordered to deliver Peter Dehaven, &ca., 100 cwt of Brass, for the use of the Gun Factory.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favor of Peter Dehaven, & Co., for £500, for the use of the Gun Factory.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treas'r of the Province, in fav'r of John Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r to this Board, for £10,000, to be charged to Mr. Nesbitt's acco't.

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By order of the Board, Robert Towers was ordered to deliver Col. Tho's Smith, & the other Members of Convention for Bedford County, 500 lb. of Powder & ½ Ton Lead, for the use of the Associator, to be deliver'd to the Committee of Inspection of said County & by them distributed.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers was order'd to deliver Major Swoop 40 Muskets, for the use of the 1st Battalion of York County, & 8 for the use of the 3rd Battalion of said County.

Mr. Wharton, Mr. Morris & Mr. Keppele, being a Committee to examine the acco't of Jos. Fox, Esq'r, Do Report, that they have inspected said acco't & Vouchers, & find the same right.

In Council of Safety, July 29th, 1776, A. M.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

Tho's Wharton, Jun'r,	H. Keppele, jr.,
James Cannon,	John Moore,
Fred. Kuhl,	Owen Biddle,
Jos. Blewer,	Timothy Matlack,
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	John Weitzel,

By order of the Board, Rob't Tower was directed to deliver Major Bell 20 stand of Arms, for the use of Col. Montgomery's Battalion.

Mr. John Weitzel appeared, & took & Subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

On Motion,

Resolved, That the resolve of the 15th Instant July, of the late Committee of Safety, "recommending to the Committee of Inspection & Observation of this City, & the several County Committees of this Province, to nominate & appoint a proper Number of Judicious Persons residing in the said City & Counties Respectively, to distribute to distress'd Families, whose Husbands are now in actual Service, the Allowance they may think Reasonable, And that the said Committees be empowered to draw as they shall see occasion, on this Board, for the necessary Sums of Money, to be by them Lodged in the Hands of the persons so nominated, to be applied as above directed. The said Committees to return accounts to this board of the Expenditure of the same, Be and hereby agreed to & Confirmed.

Ordered, That Messrs. Peter Dehaven, & Co. do, in future, superintend the Contract made by Jos. Fox, Esq'r, with John Nicholson, for Arms

By order of the Board, Capt. Wm. Richards was directed to deliver Mr. John Coburn two New Cables & as much small riging as he may want for sinking the Piers, for fixing a Boom at Fort Island

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By order of the Board, Mr. R. Towers, Commissary of Stores, was directed to deliver Mr. Thos. Hazlewood 200 lbs. Brimstone, for the use of the Fire Rafts.

Ordered, That Mr. Morris, Mr. Wharton & Mr. Keppele, be a Committee to inspect & Pass Accounts Relative to the Flying Camp & Militia.

By order of the Board, Mr. R. Towers was directed to deliver Col. James Moore, of Chester County, Fifty Muskets, for the use of his Battalion.

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Kuhl & Mr. Biddle, be a Committee to Superintend the Work at Fort Island, & to audit & settle the Accounts respecting the same.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Capt'n John Hazlewood, or his son, for Twenty Pounds, to be charged to Capt. Hazlewood's acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. R. Towers was directed to deliver Col. Rankin, of York County, 8 Muskets, for the use of his Battalion.

In Council of Safety, July 29th, 1776, P. M.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	Timothy Matlack,
James Cannon,	Jos. Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r.
Thomas Wharton, jr,	

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver Col. Rankin 30 stand of Arms, or as many as may be fit for Service, not exceeding that number.

By order of the Board, Mr. Robert Bridges was directed to deliver Col. Clement Biddle, D. Q. M. G., all the Tents in his Possession belonging to the late Committee of Safety.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver Col. Jonathan Paschall Sixty stand of Arms for the use of his Battalion

On Motion,

Resolved, That an application be made to Convention to determine the Matter respecting the Command of the Fleet of this State.

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In Council of Safety, July 30th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	Timothy Matlack,
Jos. Blewer,	James Cannon,
Fred. Kuhl,	Henry Keppele, jr.
S'l Morris, Sen'r,	

Capt. Jos. Blewer was desired to Purchase a Quantity of Powder from Mr. Jos. Carson.

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, be desired to make a return to this Board of all the Military Stores under his care Immediately.

Resolved, That Mr. Biddle & Col. Matlack be a Committee to enquire of the Board of Warr whether Steps have been taken by that Hon'ble Board to erect a redoubt at Billingsport, & if they have not, to enquire whether Congress expect the direction of the erecting of that Fortification, to be in the present Council of Safety of this State.

Ordered, That Capt. Wm. Richards be desired to make a return to this Board of all the Stores under his care Immediately.

In Council of Safety, July 31st, 1776, A. M.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

Timothy Matlack,	Jos. Blewer,
Samuel Morris,	John Weitzel,
John Moore,	James Cannon,
Henry Keppele, jr.,	John Bull,
Fred. Kuhl,	Owen Biddle.

Order'd, That Geo. Fitterman & James McDaniel, be detained from Proceeding with the Associators to New Jersey, & that they be desired to use the utmost diligence in procuring Timber for making Gun Carriages.

By order of the Board, Mr. Jos. Ferre was desired to deliver Mr. John Mitchel, Commissary, for Victualing the Navy, 25 Bushels of Salt, out of the Stores at Germantown.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favor of Jesse Roe, for £50, towards lead purchased for this State, to be charged to his acco't.

A letter from the Hon'ble president of the Congress was read, requesting this Board immediately to send to General Mercer, for

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the Service of the Flying Camp, 10 Six pounders, & an equal number of 4 p'rs, out of the Stores of this State.

Ordered, That Capt. Joseph Blewer procure & forward the Guns to Gen. Mercer.

By order of the Board, Capt. Hazelwood was directed to deliver Mr. James Mease 50 Barrels of Combustables, to be charged to Congress.

Information being lodged (upon Oath) with this Board, by John Walker, Arthur Thomas & his two Sons, John & Arthur, That John Hale & Martha Ash were concerned In, or privy to, the escape of Col. Kirkland out of the Prison of this State, the following warrant was Issued:

"In Council of Safety, Philad'a, July 31st, 1776.

"*To Capt. Richard Peters, or the Officer of the Guard:*

"SIR: You are directed forthwith to seize the Persons of John Hale & Martha Ash, as Persons Charged upon Oath with a Conspiracy against the State, and Confine them, One in the Goal and the other in the Work House of this City, and take Proper care that they do not converse with each other.

"By order of the Council of Safety.

Sign'd, DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman."

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"In Council of Safety, Philad'a, July 31st, 1776.

"*State of Pennsylvania, ss:*

"You are authorized and required to Seize the Bodies of Arthur Thomas and his two Sons, Arthur Thomas & John Thomas, or either of them, and to secure their papers, they standing Suspected, by evidence taken on oath, of having Conspired against the State, and in so doing this shall be your Sufficient warrant.

"By order of the Council of Safety.

"Signed, DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

"To JOS. MCLANE, Present."

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In Council of Safety, July 31st, 1776.—P. M.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman,

Timothy Matlack, Henry Keppele, jr.,
James Cannon, Sam'l Morris, sen'r.
Owen Biddle, Jos. Blewer.
John Weitzel,

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers, Commissary, was desired to deliver to Mr. Robert Martin & others, Delegates in Convention for Northumberland County, 750 wt. of Powder & 1500 wt. of lead, to be delivered to the Committee of Inspection for that County, & by them distributed to the Militia in such quantities as they may stand in need of, for the defence of said County.

On motion,

Resolved, That all such workmen as are necessary to be employed at the Iron works in casting of Cannon or Shott for the Public, be ordered not to leave their Respective works, nor to March with the Militia, unless by special direction of the Convention or this Board.

By order of Board, Mr. R. Towers was directed to deliver Capt. Jos. Blewer a sufficient Quantity of ammunition to Prove 10 six pound & 10 four pound Cannon.

By order of the Board, Mr. Towers was desired to deliver Capt. James Hindman, of the Maryland Independant Company, Twenty three Rounds of ammunition for each man in his Company, & Twenty Hatchets, to be charged to Congress.

On Motion,

Resolved, That all such workmen as are necessary to be employed at the Iron Works, in Casting of Canon or Shott for the public, be ordered not to leave their Respective Works, nor to march with the Militia of this State, unless by special direction of the Convention or this Board.

The Deposition of John Walker.

"On the 31st day of July, 1776, Before the Council of Safety of the State of Pennsylvania, came John Walker, of the City of Philadelphia, and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did depose and say: That about six or Eight days after the time of Colonel Kirkland's escape from the Goal, Mr. John Hale ordered this deponent to fill a Pair of new Saddle Bags with Oats, and Mr. John Hale himself put into the Saddle Bags a Bottle, which this deponent apprehended to be a Bottle of Brandy, or other spirits, and put a Cloth over it: That the Saddle Bags thus filled was put on a Horse belonging to John Hale & the Horse delivered

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to a son of Arthur Thomas, and the Horse was (in the evening, about 4 or 5 o'Clock) taken away by Mr. Thomas's oldest apprentice; That some time afterwards, this deponent heard Arthur Thomas, Jun'r say that he had assisted Col. Kirkland in his escape, and also that this deponent did hear the said Arthur Thomas, jun'r say to Mr. John Hale, that Col. Kirkland rode the first night after his escape Forty miles, to the House of a man in New Jersey, who (Mr. Thomas said) had been taken up the day before, for having entertained a soldier at his House: that Mr. Kirkland made his escape thro' some surprise, out of a window; That Mr. Kirkland was lost for several days, and when he was found he did not know the person who found him, and drew his Knife, charging him to keep off, but that on his giving the watchword, Kirkland went with him: That Col. Kirkland had attempted to go on board the man-of-warr, by means of a Boat, but the man-of-warr was gone too far off, and the Boat was obliged to return: That he also heard the said Arthur Thomas tell Mr. Hale that Capt. Bouger refused to break his word of Honor which he had Pledged for the Liberty he enjoyed: That the said Thomas Damned him for talking of Honor to or among Thieves & Rogues, and that the said Arthur Thomas said to Mr. Hale, that it was not the thing for him, (meaning Capt. Bouger) not to go off after the Trouble they had taken to send him a Horse: That Mrs Ash told this deponent that she had heard one of the Thomas's say to Mr. Hale that he (Mr. Thomas,) had furnished Col. Kirkland with a Rope, for the Purpose of making his escape from Goal: That this deponent understood the Horse abovementioned was intended for the use of Col. Kirkland, to facilitate his escape; and further this deponent saith not.

"Signed, JOHN his ⋈ mark WALKER,"

Martha Ash was brought before the Board by order, & being examined, made & Subscribed the following deposition:

"In Council of Safety for the State of Pen'a.

"*Pennsyl'a, ss.*

"On the 31 day of July, 1776, appeared Personally before the Council of Safety for the said State, Martha Ashe, who being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did depose, and say, that sometime after the escape of Col. Kirkland, she heard one of Arthur Thomas's Sons inform John Hale, that he had assisted Col. Kirkland with a Ladder of Rope, for to make his escape from the Jail, (but which of the said Thomas's Sons it was she cannot recollect,) and she doth further depose and say, that sometime after the said escape, a boy returned a Horse to the said Hale's, which had been obtained from him, with a pair of Saddle Bags, that

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contained some oats & Biscuit, and, that this deponent believed that the said Kirkland made his escape with the same Horse; that this deponent mentioned such, her Suspicion, to the said Hales, who replied that he believed he had.

Sign'd MARTHA ASH.

In Council of Safety, Aug't 1st, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAM'L MORRIS, Sen'r, Chairman.

David Rittenhouse,	Timothy Matlack,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	Jos. Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Moore,
Owen Biddle,	John Bull,
James Cannon,	Thomas Wharton, jun'r.

By order of the Board, Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, was desired to deliver to Mr. Henry Wynkoop of Bucks County, a Quarter Cask of Powder, to be by him delivered to the Associators, as he shall see convenient.

Moved, That Jacob Barge be requested to attend this Board tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock, otherwise, Mary Hutton may remove her Goods to such place as she may think proper within the City, & Subject to the Claims of Rent, as if the same were not removed.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Council of Safety, that the Rules & Regulations of the late House of Assembly respecting the Association, ought to be complied with; and that no Company or Companies ought to be permitted to leave a Battalion, so as to leave less than six Companies in a Battalion, nor be permitted to leave their respective Battalions untill at least six Companies of supernumeraries can agree to form a new Battalion.

By order of the Board, John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was desired to Pay an order drawn on this Board by James Pollock & Sam'l Laird, Commissioners of Cumberland County, in favor of John Pollock for £600 towards purchasing Muskets, to be charged to their Acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. R. Towers, Commissary, was desired to deliver to Dan'l King, one of the old Cannon in the State House Yard, to Bore.

By order of the Board, Commodore Davison was desired to deliver to Col. Matlack, 12 Riffles from on board the ship Montgomery.

By order of the Board, Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Col. Clement Biddle, D. Q. M. G. or his assistants here, one Ton of Grape Shot, & one Ton of Buck Shott to be forwarded to the Camp in Jersey, to be charged to Congress.

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Col. James Moore, of Chester County, made application for 50 Bayonets or Tomhawks, 30 Hatchets, 100 screws, & 100 worms, for the use of his Battalion; Mr. Robert Towers, Com'y, was desired to supply Col. Moore with the above Articles, taking his receipt.

By order of the Board, Joseph Ferree, Esq'r, of Germantown, was desired to deliver to Mr. Carpenter Wharton 20 Bushels of the Salt Stored under his direction, on Mr. Wharton's Producing John M. Nesbitt's, Esq'r, Certificate of his having accounted with him for the same, at 7s 6 ℔ Bushel for the Salt, & 6d ℔ Bushel for Carriage & Storage.

By order of the Board, John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was desired to pay to Col. Kirkbride £138 15 6 for 72 Arms, purchased for the use of his Battalion.

Resolved, That an application be made to Congress for 1100 Stand of Arms, for the Service of the Flying Camp.

A Letter was received from Capt. John Hamilton, of the Congress, and Capt. James Montgomery, of the Chatham armed Boats, Resigning their Commissions in the Service of this State, as they expected to Serve in a larger Sphere of action, whereby they may have opportunity of rendering their Country some more essential Service than they have any prospect of doing Here; therefore,

Resolved, That their said Resignation be accepted, and they are hereby discharged from the Service of this State.

The Board then adjourned till 3 o'Clock afternoon, when the following Members mett:

SAM'L MORRIS, Sen'r, Chairman.

James Cannon,	Tho's Wharton, jun'r,
David Rittenhouse,	Timothy Matlack,
John Moore,	Jos. Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	Henry Keppele, j'r,
Owen Biddle,	John Bull.

Order'd, That Col. Matlack be desired to make the necessary enquiry of Congress, respecting the authority this Board has over the State Prison.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favor of Jacob Miers, for £24 13 2¾ for Mens' Wages, for Work done at Fort Island, for which he is to be accountable to the Workmen, & the Sum Charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board, Joseph Ferree, Esq'r, of Germantown, was desired to deliver to Henry Huber one Ton of Salt Peter, out of the Stores in Germantown under his direction.

By order of the Board, Mr. Robert Towers was desired to deliver Henry Huber 300 cwt. of Sulphur, to be Charged to Congress.

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In Council of Safety, August 2nd, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, j'r, Chairman.

James Cannon,	John Moore,
Timothy Matlack,	John Bull,
John Weitzel,	H. Keppele, j'r,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Fred. Kuhl,	David Rittenhouse.

The following acco'ts were Passed, and J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, desired to pay them:

One Ac't, Bartram Galbreath, for	-	-	-	£4 11 3
One do.	do.	-	-	17 13 10
Robert Tower's	Acco't,	-	-	60 9 4½
Benj'n Wallace	do.	-	-	9 3 0
Andrew Boyd	do.	-	-	7 4 0
Sketchly Morton	do.	-	-	3 14 7
John Kirk,	1st accoⁿt,	-	£5 0 0	
do.	do.	-	4 15 0	
		-		9 15 0
Peter Henderson,	acco't,	-	-	30 0 0
Dan'l Evans	do.	-	-	3 15 0
Andrew Gyer,	do.	-	-	9 17 6

By order of the Board, the Following warrant was Isued for Apprehending John Thomas & Arthur Thomas, jun'r.

"IN COUNCIL OF SAFETY, PHILAD'A, 2nd Aug't, 1776.

"Sir:

"You are hereby authorized, empower'd & required to go in search of & seize the persons of John Thomas & Arthur Thomas, jun'r, or either of them, & to deliver them to the Keeper of the State Prison of the City of Philad'a, and make return to this Council, & for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

"By order of the Council.

"Signed, THOS. WHARTON, jr., Chairman.

"To MR. MAINS."

A Warrant was Issued for Apprehending John Hatton, Sen'r., & John Hatton, jun'r, in form, following:

"IN COUNCIL OF SAFETY, PHILAD'A, Aug't 2nd, 1776.

"Sir:

"You are hereby directed to go to the Committee of Inspection of Salem County, in the State of New Jersey, and to apply to them for proper powers & assistance to go in search of, and take the

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persons of John Hatton, sen'r, & John Hatton, jun'r, and bring them before this Council, unless the Committee of Inspection should object to their being brought out of that State, in such case you are to leave them in the Custody of the said Committee, they being charged with Treasonable Practices against the states of America, and you are further desired to use your best endeavours to seize Col. Kirkland, (whom this Board has reason to suspect is still in Jersey,) and in so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

"By order of the Council.

"Signed THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, Chairman.

"To Mr. James Read.

"N. B. The more secrecy you observe the more likely to effect your Purpose."

With the above warrant the following Letter was sent to the Committee of Inspection of Salem County:

"Gent'n:

"In the course of our enquirey into the case of Kirkland's escape from the Gaol of this City, evidence appears against John Hatton of your County, and his Son, sufficient to induce us to request you will exert your utmost endeavours to secure them.

"We have sent you an officer in whom we can confide, who will assist in taking him, and also bring to this City, if you shall think it Proper to send him here.

"We apprehend that Col. Kirkland is still in your County somewhere about Morris's River, as it appears Probable from Circumstances given in evidence before us, that he failed in his Attempt to get on board the man-of-Warr. We make no doubt but that you will use every means in your Power to secure a Man so dangerous to the Liberties to this Country. The reward which is offered for taking him is Considerable, and Perhaps may excite some, who would not from other Motives, to endeavour by all Means to secure him. From your attachment to the cause of Liberty we expect exertions of a more extended kind and on more generous Principles, and firmly hope your endeavours will Meet with Success in securing two Men who are enemies to our Country & dangerous spies upon our Actions.

"By order of the Council.

"Sign'd, THOS. WHARTON, jr., Chairman."

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, for £10 in favour of Henry Huber, Powder Maker, to be charged to his acco't.

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In Council of Safety, August 5th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

Sam'l Morris,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Joseph Blewer,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Weitzel,	Tho's Wharton, jun'r,
James Cannon,	Owen Biddle.

By order of the Board, the following Acco'ts were Passed, & Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, desired to Pay them:

John Bruce's Acco't, amounting to - -	£12	10	
Daniel Evans' do. - - - -	5	3	8
Jeremiah Baker's do. - - - -	19	3	2
Henry Litman, - - - - -	12	11	
Wm. Perkins, one acco't, - - - -	5	17	6
Do. one do. - - - -	9	11	10
Geo. Hoofnagle, one acco't, - - -	0	12	
Do. one do. - - - -	26	6	8
John Burke, acc't, - - - -	1	2	6
Jer. Smith, do. - - - -	25		
Wm. Dewees, - - - -	3		
John Winter, - - - -	5	9	3
Wm. Ball, - - - - -		18	10
Wm. Waltman, - - - - -	3	3	6
Wm. Rush, one acco't, - - - -	33	15	6¼
Do. one do. - - - -	9	16	6
Do. one do. - - - -	128	1	0¾
Henry Smith, - - - -	3	10	
Mary Hunter, - - - -	3	10	
Benj'a. Wallace, - - - -	1	17	6
John Shupert, - - - -	4	5	
Stacy Hepburn, - - - -	143	3	4½

By order of the Board, Ab'm Mason was directed to deliver to Tho's Hazlewood as much old Sail Cloth as he may want to Cover Fire Rafts.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Peter Dehaven & Co., for £500, to be Charged to their Acco't.

By order of the Board, Jno. Hanlon was directed to deliver to Col. Paschall, of Philad'a County, 17 Rifles, which Mr. Dehaven was desired to Repair.

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Mr. John Hubly appeared, took & Subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Mr. Lodowick Lauman, for £200, to be delivered to the Committee of Inspection and Observation of Lancaster County, & by them distributed to the Wives & families of Poor Associators who are now in Actual Service, and an order was drawn accordingly.

A letter was Received from John McKinley, Esq'r, Chairman of the Committee of New Castle County, dated 2 Aug't, 1776, to Col. Bedford, informing this Board that they had sent a Certain Alex'r Maurice to this City, under Col. Bedford's care, he being a Person strongly suspecting of Practices Inimical to the States of America, whereupon the Board ordered the said Maurice to be committed to the State Prison. The Following order was sent to Col. Bedford for that purpose:

"In Council of Safety, Aug't 5th, 1776.

"Sir:

"You are hereby required and empowered to send the Body of Alexander Maurice, in your Custody, to the State Jail in this City, he being Charged with being Inimical to the American States, for which he is to answer, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

"And the said Jailer is hereby required to receive the Body of the said Alex'r Maurice, and keep him in Safe Custody untill Properly discharged.

"By order of the Council,

"Signed, D. RITTENHOUSE, Chaim'n.

"To Col. BEDFORD, at the Barracks."

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The following letter was sent to the Delegates of this State in Congress:

"In Council of Safety, Aug't 5th, 1776.

"Gent'n:

"The Militia of this State having been all ordered out by the Hon'ble Congress, This Board finds it Impossible to supply them with arms as fast as they come in, and they seem uneasy at being detained. You will oblige this Board by applying to Congress on behalf of this Board for as many of the arms, lately brought In, as they Possibly can spare, to be returned when the Militia is dis-

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charged, or as fast as they can be made by the workmen employed by this Board.

"By order of the Council,

"Sign'd, D. RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

"To the Delegates in Congress for the State of Pennsylvania."

The Board adjourned 'till 5 o'clock, afternoon, when the following members Mett:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

Sam'l. Morris, sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
Jos. Blewer,	Owen Biddle,
John Hubley,	John Moore,
John Bull,	James Cannon.
Thos. Wharton, jr.,	

In Consequence of a warrant Issued by this Board, Lieut. James Read brought John Hatton; whereupon the Board committed said Hatton to the State Prison for Examination.

"In Council of Safety.

"Whereas, John Hatton, sen'r, stands Charged before the Council of Safety aforesaid of Practices Inimical to the States of America, you are therefore hereby required and enjoined to receive into your Custody the Body of the said John Hatton, and him safely keep untill he be duely discharged by the said Council, or by order of Congress, and for your so doing this shall be your Warrant.

"Given under my hand this 5th day of August, 1776.

"By order of the Council,

"Signed, D. RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

"To Mr. ROBERT JEWELL, Keeper of the State Prison."

By order of the Board, Mr. R. Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Major Fullerton 25 stand of Arms, for the use of Col. James Crawford's Battalion of Lancaster County, taking his receipt for the same.

Major Aaron Leverin's Account, amo'ng to £26 6 6 for 9 Muskets, was Passed by the Board, & J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, desired to pay it.

By order of the Board, Mr. R. Towers was desired to deliver Major Aaron Leverin the 9 muskets above mentioned; for the use of Col. Hill's Battalion.

The following acco'ts were passed by the board, & directed to Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in order for Payment.

James Pennel's acco't for £4 6 3, for Wood d'd at Chester, for the use of the Pennsylvania Musketry.

Roland Harris's Acco't for £5 15 7, for Provisions supplied a Company of Continental Troops, to be Charged to Congress.

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In Council of Safety, August 6th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Chairman.

John Moore,	John Bull,
Owen Biddle,	James Cannon,
Thomas Wharton, jun'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
Samuel Morris,	John Hubley,
	Joseph Blewer.

By order of the board, the following Accounts were passed, & Jno. Maxwell Nesbit, Esq'r, directed to pay them, vizt:

James McCleland's acco't amout'g to £2 12 0, to be charged to Congress.

Robert Thomson's do. 2 6 8, do.

Col. James Moore do. 41 13 8, for necessaries for his Battalion.

By order of the board, Mr. Rob't Towers, Commissary of Stores, was directed to deliver Col. John Bull 35 stand of Arms, for the use of his Battalion, taking his Receipt.

In Consequence of a request of this board to the Committees of Inspection and observation of the different Counties, to appoint suitable persons to hear the Complaints of the Families of those Associators that have gone to Camp, and to supply them with such Necessaries as they may stand in need of,

The Committee of this City and Liberties have recommended the Following Gentlemen for that Purpose, vizt:

For the 1st Battalion.	*For the 2nd Battalion.*
Isaac Coats,	Moses Bartram,
Wm. Moulder,	Gasper Guyer,
Jacob Schriner.	Ephraim Bonham.
For the 3rd Battalion.	*For the 4th Battalion.*
George Meade,	George Greene,
Richard Dumois.	Fred. Dushon,
Robert Baily.	Peter Knight.

For the 5th Battalion.

John Hart,
John Tittamary.
Wm. Drury.

Resolved therefore, that they be and are hereby appointed accordingly.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver Col. James Smith, of York County, 24 stand of arms, for the use of Capt. McDonnald's Company, in his Battalion, taking his receipt.

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By order of the Board, Mr. R. Towers was directed to deliver to Col. Rich'd Thomas, of Chester County, 100 stand of Arms, for the use of his Battalion, taking his Receipt.

The Board Proceeded to the Choice of President & Vice President by Ballot, when Mr. Thomas Wharton, jun'r, was chosen President, & Mr. David Rittenhouse Vice President, and Mr. Wharton took the chair accordingly.

Resolved, That the Town of Lancaster shall be supplied with 60 Stand of Arms, as soon as it is in the Power of this Council.

Resolved, That 28 Bundles of Blankets which Col. Miles left at Chester, in the Public Stores under the Care of Mr. Nicholas Fairlamb, be delivered to Clement Biddle, D. Q. M. G. of the Flying Camp, for the use of the Pennsylvanians in New Jersey, to be forwarded to him by his Assistants Immediately.

In Council of Safety, August 7th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Samuel Morris,	John Hubley,
Fred. Kuhl,	Timothy Matlack,
James Cannon,	Jos. Blewer,
Henry Wynkoop,	John Bull.
Owen Biddle,	

By order of the Board, Mr. Robt. Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Col. Mathew Dill of York County, 23 Stand of Arms for the use of his Battalion, taking his receipt, signed by Mr. S. Morris.

By order of the Board, Mr. R. Towers was directed to deliver Col. James Moore of Chester County, 30 stand of Arms for the use of his Battalion, taking his receipt.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Col. Thomas Smith, for £13 7 6, for Carriage of Ammunition to Bedford County.

By order of the Board, Mr. R. Towers was directed to deliver Major Fullerton 20 stand of Arms, for the use of Col. Crawford's Battalion of Lancaster County, taking his receipt.

Resolved, That the Muster Master do Pass Col. R'd Thomas's Battalion of Chester County, with the Present number of Officers and Men.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in fav'r of Mr. John Britton for £662 10, being for 50,000 feet of 3 Inch Plank, purchased by order of the late Com-

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mittee of Safety ℔ Resolve of 21 June last, for the fortification at Billingsport, to be charged to Congress.

An Application from Col. Richard Thomas of Chester County, for accoutrements, was laid before the Board. Mr. Robt. Towers was ordered to supply him in his Possession, if not, Col. Thomas was desired to purchase them, and bring his acco't to this board.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver 60 Stand of Arms for the use of his Battalion.

Resolved, That so many workmen employed by Col Wm. Dewees, as will keep one fire at work in Making Gun Scalps for the Public Service, be detained from Marching to Camp in New Jersey.

Resolved, That the D. Q. M. General's Assistants be authorized to Quarter Troops in the several Places of worship in this City, in turn, Provided they cannot procure suitable quarters elsewhere.

Order'd, That the said Assistants furnish the Wardens or Elders of the Several Places of Worship, with a Copy of the above resolve.

Resolved, That Col. Matlack lay before the Convention the Necessity of Raising the Flying Camp, and to request them to take the most effectual Measures to encourage the same, by allowing what may be esteemed a sufficient Bounty.

As any delay to the Marching of the Associators of this State, now in this City, will be attended with Great Inconvenience to the Public service; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That Col. John Bull be Requested to examine into the State of all the Companies of the said Associators, and that all such as are sufficiently Provided, are hereby ordered to Proceed forward to the Camp, without delay.

By order of the Board, Capt. W'm Richards was directed to deliver Mr. John Coburn what Rope he may have occasion for, on Acco't of this State.

By order of the Board, Mr. Wert was order'd to assist Mr. John Coburn with the Sloop under his Command, in any Matters he may be required for the Advantage of this State.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle be desired to procure the necessary Cloathing for Col. Atlees' Battalion, and forward them to him with all dispatch

By order of the Board, Capt. Wm. Richards was directed to deliver Mr. Wade, A Regger Tackle, such Ropes, Blocks and anchors as he may apply for, for the use of the Fortification at Billingsport, and Charge the same to Congress.

A Letter was received from John Kirk, resigning his Commission as an ensign in the Battalion of musketry in the pay of this State, which Resignation was accepted by the board.

By order of the Board, an order was Drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Mr. Wm. Hays, for £500, for the use of Mark Bird, Esq'r, to be charged to Mr. Bird's acco't.

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By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver to Col. Bartram Galbreath, of Lancaster Co'y, 50 stand of Arms, for the use of his Battalion.

Mr. Henry Wynkoop appeared, took & Subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

By order of the Board, J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was desired to pay Peter Hewes, £3 6 0, and John Traxler, £3 13 11, and Charge the same to Congress.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. John Nixon, James Mease, and Thomas Wharton, jun'r, the Committee of acco'ts of the late Committee of Safety, in favour of John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r to the board, for £29,576 1 5, being the Balance in their hands belonging to the late Committee.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Messrs. John Nixon & others, Committee of acco'ts of the late Committee of Safety, in fav'r of Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r to this board, for £3,278, 1 2, being the Balance of Monies put into the hands of the late Committee of Safety by the Hon'ble Congress, for the Purpose of Purchasing arms.

By order of the board, J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was desired to Pay the following Accounts, vizt:

Sam'l Pugh's acco't amot'g to £11 19 3, to be Charged to Congress.

Peter Mathers' acco't amo'g £4 11 6, to be charged to Congress.

John Wager, 20s, for going express to Wilmington.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Mr. Owen Biddle, for £250, towards purchasing Cloathing for Col. Atlee's Battalion, to be charged to Mr. Biddle's acc't.

John Connor was brought before the Board, and Charged with stealing a Jacket from John Mackey; he was committed to the Workhouse, and the following Warrant signed by the President.

"You are hereby required to receive the Body of John Conner, and keep him in Custody untill he is Discharged by this Board, or a due course of Law, he being Charged with Theft, and in so doing this shall be your warrant.

"To Mr. Tho's Apty, Keeper of the work house."

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In Council of Safety, August 8th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, President,
DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Jos. Blewer,
John Bull,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley,	Henry Wynkoop,
Owen Biddle,	James Cannon,
John Moore,	John Weitzel.

Resolved, That the Muster Master do pass Col. John Bull's Battalion of Philad'a County, with the Present Number of Officers & men.

By Order of the Board, John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was desired to pay the following Acco'ts:

Josiah Wood & Son acco't, Amounting to	-	£19 5 0, for Hatchets.
Stephen Sutton's Acco't,	-	9 7 6, for 2 Riffles.
Alexander Rutherford,	-	77 1 0, for Cartouch Boxes, &c.
Jos. Web's Acco't,	-	6 0 9, stocking Riffles, &ca.

Resolved, That the D. Q. M. General, or his Assistants, do forward the Marching of such parts of Companies now in this City as are Compleatly armed and accoutered, to the Camp in New Jersey, and that such men as are not yet armed be permitted to remain under such Officer as the Commanding Officer shall direct, untill they can be Properly equiped.

Col. Bull is requested to see the above Resolve put into execution.

By order of the Board Mr. R. Towers was directed to deliver Lieut. Col. Brian a Quarter Cask of Powder, for the use of Col. Keichlin's Battalion of Bucks County.

Resolved, That the Waggons employed by Col. Bull, for the Carriage of the Baggage of his Battalion to Camp, be not permitted to go, unless the persons to whom they Belong are willing to return.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn of Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favour of Messrs. Isaac Coates, Wm. Moulder & Jacob Schreiner, for £50, towards supplying the Families of such poor Associators of the 1st Battalion of this City & Liberties as are now in actual Service.

Resolved, That the Muster Master do pass Capt. Thos. Heslep's Company of the 1st Battalion of Chester County, commanded by Col. James Moore, with the Present Number of Officers & Men.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Col. Kirkbride, for £86 3 9, to be Charged to his Acco't; also an order in favour of Francis Clarke for £37 10 0.

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Resolved, That Henry Bingham be discharged from the Militia now marching to the Camp in New Jersey, he being employed in making Gun Barrels for this State.

A letter was Received from the President of the Convention of the State of New York, acquainting this Board that they had sent to this City Wm. Sutton, to be confined here as a Person Inimical to the Liberties of America. He was, therefore, Committed to the State Prison, & the follow is a copy of his mittimus:

"In Council of Safety for the State of Penn'a.

"Whereas, William Sutton being sent by the Convention of the State of New York to this Council, to be Confined in the Goal of this City, upon a Charge of being an Enemy to the Rights and Liberties of America, you are therefore hereby required and enjoined to receive into you Custody the Body of the said William Sutton, and him safely Keep, at his own expence, untill he be duely discharged by this Board or by order of Congress, and for your so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given Under my hand this 8th day of August, 1776.

"By order of Council,

"Sign'd by the President.

"To Mr. Robert Jewell, Keeper of the State Prison."

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favour of Arthur Donaldson, for £200, to be charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Capt. James McConnell four Riffles, taking his Receipt.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, for £250, in fav'r of Mr. Henry Wynkoop, to be by him paid to the Gentlemen appointed by the Committee of Inspection & Observation of Bucks County, to be distributed amongst the families of Poor Associators of that County, who are now on Actual service.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, for £250, in fav'r of Mr. Henry Wynkoop, for the Purpose of equiping the Militia of Bucks County.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favour of Jane Taplin, to be charged to Congress.

A letter was Received from the Committee of Inspection of Chester County, informing the Board that a certain James McConneaughy, with several others, had greatly Abused and Insulted several Persons and their Families, whereby many of the Militia were discouraged from Marching, and therefore had ordered said McConnaughy to be Apprehended and sent to this City; and he being brought before the Board, and several Witnesses Appearing, who, upon oath, Charged him with Committing violent Breaches of the

Peace, he was therefore ordered to be confined in the Common Jail of this City, and the following Mittimus Granted:

"In Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania.

"Whereas, James McConnaughy stands Charged before the Council of Breaking open the House of Paul McKnight in the dead of the night, Committing violent Breaches of the Peace, and appears to be a very dangerous Person, You are therefore hereby Required and enjoined to Receive into your Custody the Body of the said James McConnaughy, and him safely Keep untill he be discharged by the Authority of this State, and for your so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given under my hand this 8th day of August, 1776.

"By order of the Council.

THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, President.

"To Mr. Thos. Dewees, Keeper of the Goal of Philad'a."

The Council then adjourned to 4 o'clock Afternoon; when the Following Members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice-President.

Owen Biddle,	Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Moore,
Jos. Blewer,	John Hubley,
Geo. Gray,	Henry Wynkoop.

Resolved, That the D. Q. M. General, or his Assistants here, be empowered to Quarter the Militia, now in their March towards the Camp in New Jersey, in such Private Houses as are empty, and this Board will make a Reasonable Allowance to the owners.

The Commanding Officers are strictly enjoined to prevent any Injury being done to such Houses.

Mr. George Gray appeared, and took & subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Messrs. Ephraim Bonham, Moses Bartram, & Gasper Guyer, for fifty Pounds, for the Purpose of supplying the families of Poor Associators of the 2nd Battalion of this City, who are now in Actual service.

Resolved, That the Muster Master do pass Col. Jona. Paschall Battalion of Philad'a County, with the Present Number of Officers & Men.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay James Robinson £425 for 100 Stand of Arms bought by Mr. Rob't Towers for this State.

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In Council of Safety, August 9th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.
DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Samuel Morris,	Fred. Kuhl,
James Cannon,	Timothy Matlack,
John Hubly,	John Moore,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bull,	Henry Wynkoop.

Resolved, That Mr. President, Mr. Morris, & Mr. Keppele, be appointed a Committee to examine and settle accounts.

Resolved, That Mr. Morris, Mr. Biddle, & Mr. Kuhl, be appointed a Committee for Carrying on the Salt Works erected by the late Committee of Safety in New Jersey under the Care of Mr. Savage.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favor of Capt. John Hazlewood or his son, for £20 to be Charged to Acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver Mr. Ab'm Mason 12 Peices of Duck, for sails for one of the armed Boats.

The following Commissions were filled up agreeable to Recommendation of Col. Samuel Miles, in his Battalion:

John Carpenter, first Lieutenant, David Sloan, Second Lieut., Thomas Boyd, Second Lieut., Septimus Davis, Ensign,	Commissions dated Aug't 9th, 1776.
James Holmes, third Lieut., Joseph Brown Lee, third Lieut.,	Commissions dated April 15th, 1776.

Order'd, That Adjutant Francis Mintges, of Col. Atlee's Battalion of Musketry, have a Lieutenancy, in Consequence of General Mercer's Recommendation and of Mr. Mintges' Merit.

Ordered, That Mr. John McGawan have a Commission as third Lieutenant In Col. Miles's Battalion.

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Biddle, Col. Matlack, Capt. Blewer, & George Clymer, Esq'rs, be appointed a Committee to fix upon a Plan for the Fortification at Billingsport, and to employ suitable Engineers and Workmen to carry the same into execution.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay the following Acco'ts, vizt:

Capt. Porter's Acco't, amount'g to	£23 5 3	£17 0 10, Charged to this State, & 6 4 5, Charged to Congress.

Capt. Peterman's Acco't, amo't	5	14	9	To be Charged to Congress.
Capt. Weintz' do. amo't	3	10	0	
Capt. Jos. McClean's do.	3	10	3	
Capt. Henry Pauling do.	3	9	9	
Capt. John Edwards,	4	16		
Capt. Swinks,	1	19	6	
Capt. Tho's Heslep,	3	2	3	
Capt. John Read's,	12	7	9	
Col. Green,	7	13	3	
Valentine Winholt,	6	18	4	
Richard Riley's Acco't	13	3	5	For Provisions for supplying sick Soldiers.
John Willis' do.	4	5	0	For a Rifle.
Col. Lloyd's acco't	53	9	11	For a Maintenance of his Bat. during Engagement with the Roebuck, &ca.
Sam'l Rain's do.	1	3	6	
Capt. Israel Wheaton's Acc't for Arms, &ca., Purchased, Amo't	47	16	10	£3 13 4 Charge to Congress. 44 3 6 Charge to this State.

Col. Hugh Lloyd's acco't for Arms Purchased of non-Associators, amo't £102 7 6.

The Hon'ble Congress having requested this Board to Recommend two Proper persons for Lieutenants to a 5th Company of Germans to be raised in this State for the Continental Service,

Resolved, That the following Gentlemen be Recommended to Congress as Proper persons to be appointed aforesaid.

As 1st Lieut., Lewis Van Linkensdorf.

2nd do. Philip Schrawder.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in fav'r of Capt. James McConnell, for £50, for the Use of a Company of Militia for the Flying Camp under his Command, to be Charged to his Acco't, & an order in fav'r of Capt. Wm. Huston, for £50, for the like Purpose, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. John Woolsey, a Canadian Prisoner, appeared & produced his Permission to come to this City from Reading, and sign'd a Parole not to go more than 8 Miles from hence.

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Gray, & Mr. Michael Hillegas, be appointed a Committee to examine & pass the Accounts of Mr. Kercher, Commissary.

Resolved, That Col. Thomas Hockley be requested to get the Arms of His Battalion repaired in the best and most expeditious Manner.

Resolved, That Henry Tudor be appointed Pilot of the Ship Montgomery.

Resolved, That Mr. David Rittenhouse be Requested to have the new Canon proved, annealing them first, if he shall think proper.

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Resolved, That two pieces of heavy Cannon with Carriages, Furniture, Shot & Cartridge paper, be sent to camp in New Jersey, agreeable to a requisition made in behalf of General Mercer.

The Honorable Congress having resolved that the Paper Makers in Pennsylvania be detained from Proceeding with the Associators to New Jersey, all officers of this State are Required to pay a strict Regard to the same.

In Council of Safety, August 10th, 1776.

PRESENT:

D. RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Timothy Matlack,	James Cannon,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Jos. Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Moore,
Henry Keppele,	Owen Biddle,
John Hubly,	John Bull.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following accounts:

Wm. Mains' Acco't, amounting to	£11 12 2	to be charged to Congress.
Rachael Ingram,	1 0 3	
Jacob Wyley,	8 15 0	
Geo. Wright,	2 15 6	
Rachael Davis,	1 0 0	
Christian Dull,	21 8 6	
Capt. Lawrences's,	37 19 0	
Doct'r James Dunlap,	19 19 6	

Ordered, That the case of the Deserters from the Continental Army, which are in the Custody of Col. Hasslet, be referred to the board of War.

By order of the Board, Peter De Haven, & Co., Was directed to deliver to Col. Bull of Philad'a County, twenty stand of Arms for the use of his Battalion.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, that the present dissatisfaction which prevails in the Naval Department of this State, arising from a disputed Command, will greatly weaken the defence provided for the River Delaware, and that a hearing of the Officers before Convention, and a speedy determination of that matter, would be Conducive to the security of this State.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Joseph Mather, Treas'r to the Committee of Inspection of Philad'a County, for £200, to be applied to the relief of the families of Poor Associators of Philad'a County, now in Actual Service. Mr. Mather being empowered by the Committee of Philad'a County for that Purpose p. their minutes, 12 August, Instant.

In Council of Safety, August 12th 1776.

PRESENT:

THOS. WHARTON, Jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Henry Keppele,
John Hubley,	Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Moore,
Jos. Blewer,	John Weitzel.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver Col. Dill, of York County, 10 stand of Arms & 34 Tomhawks for the use of His Battalion.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Jewell, keeper of the State Prison, was directed to take under his care Thomas Story, a sick soldier, belonging to the Continental Army, and provide a Physician to attend him.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver Lieut. Col. Francis Holton of York County, four Muskets, taking his Receipt.

A Letter was wrote to Nathaniel Woodhull, Esq'r, the President of the Convention of New York, acquainting Him that Wm. Sutton is now Confin'd in the State Prison in this City.

By order of the Board, J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay Elias Botner's acco't, amo't £9 15 0 for Budge Barrels for Ship Montgomery, &ca.

By order of the Board, J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to Pay John Mears's acco't for £9 0 0 for 3 Guns delivered to Col. Henry Haller of Berks County, Militia.

By order of the Board, J. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Mr. Benja. Flowers £15 10 9, for Sash weights d'd Thos. Nevell.

By order of the Board, Mr. R. Towers was directed to deliver Capt. Henderson 8 pounds of Powder, he paying for the same or giving a Receipt to Return the Quantity.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Rich'd Thomas £11 3 4 for diet of Men of His Battalion on their march, to be charged to Congress, & £6 16 6, for Priming wires & Bruches, to be charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay Col. Rich'd Thomas of Chester County, £196 3 0 for 81 Firelocks, bought of non associators, to be Charged to Col. Thomas's acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to Deliver Major Boyd of Col. John Ferree's Battalion of Lancaster County, Six Riffles, taking his receipt.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r was directed to pay Capt. Robert Craig £12 3 6, £2 5 6, to be charged to Congress, & £9 18 0 to be charged to Col. Bartram Galbreath.

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In Council of Safety, August 13th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	James Cannon,
Sam'l Morris, sen'r,	John Weitzel,
John Hubley,	Jos. Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Moore,
Owen Biddle,	Henry Keppele.

By order of the Board, an order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favor of John Coburn, for £250, towards sinking peers, &ca., to be charged with his account.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay Capt. Wm. Scott, for arms Purchased for £53 0 0, to be Charged to Col. Tho's Hockley's acco't.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r Treas'r, was directed to pay to Tho's Davis, Two Hundred & fifty pounds towards Peers built for the service of this State, to be charged to his Account.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay Capt. Thomas Fisher, £46 0 0, for Arms Purchased, and to be charged to Col. Rich'd McAllister of York County, and £33 10 0, for Mileage, to be Charged to Congress.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay Schetchly Morton £8 7 8½, for Provisions supplyed the Guard Boats, stationed at Darby Creek.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers, Commissary of Stores, was directed to deliver Col. Bartram Galbreath Twenty Stand of Arms for the use of his Battalion.

The muster master was directed to pass Capt. Jacob Lack, Company of Col. Lewis' Battalion, with the Present number of Officers & men.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay Mr. Nicholas Hicks, Five Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver Lieut. Wm. Rowan of Col Francis Holton Battalion of York County, 24 Stand of Arms, taking his receipt.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mathew Delaney, order in fav'r of Peter Delany for £14, being for 4 months Service as Express Rider to the 14th July last.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r Treas'r, was directed to Change such Maryland money as may be offered to him by any of the Troops now on their march to the Camp, and if any loss happen thereon the Board will bear it.

By order of the Board, Rob't Towers was directed to Deliver Capt. Ross of Col. Porter's Battalion of Lancaster County, eight stand of Arms, taking his receipt.

By order of the Board, Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r Treasurer, was directed to pay to Robert Towers, £97 19 7½ for his acco'ts to 10th August; also to pay Jacob Hiltzheimer £1 10 0, for carrying 60 Stand of Arms to Chester.

By order of the Board, John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay an order drawn by the Hon'ble Convention, and signed by Benja. Franklin, Esq'r, President, for Ten Thousand Pounds, on account of the Public Service of this State.

By order of the Board, Robert Towers was directed to deliver Mr. Nicholas Hicks, 25 wheel Barrows, 4 Pick axes & 2 wood axes, for the Service of carrying on Fortification at Billingsport.

By order of the Board, Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Major John Andrews of Col. McAllister's Battalion of York County, £6, for milage for 12 men 120 miles, to be Charged to Congress.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Daney £4 15 0 for a Riffle, to be charged to Col. Timothy Matlack.

In Council of Safety, August 14th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Sam'l Morris, sen'r,	John Moore,
Jos. Blewer,	Owen Biddle,
Henry Kepple,	John Weitzel,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Bull,
John Hubley,	George Gray.
James Cannon,	

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay to Capt. Jos. Blewer £81 1 6, for 18 Muskets bought by him by the direction of this Board.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Capt. John Paxton £5 0 0, & Nathaniel Coulter £6 0 0, for two Riffles for Col. Miles's Battalion.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jean Leaugeay £5 15 2, & Major James Cunningham £10 15 0, for Shot Pouches for a Company of the Flying Camp.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Thos. Hockley £43 5 0, for arms Purchased, to be charged to Col. Hockley.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Peck £7 3 6, £4 10 to be charged to Congress, & £2 3 6 to be

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Charged to this State, & to pay Townsend & John White £123 15 4 for 1060lb of Copper.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Ebenezer Lundy £135 15 0, to be Charged to Committee of Inspection & Observation of Bucks County.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver Lieut. Col. Holton, of 4th Battalion of York County, 20 Muskets, for the use of s'd Battalion,

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following acco'ts, vizt:

James Cunningham's acco't, amo't,	£8 8 0	For diet of Men March to this City; to be Charged to Congress.
John Jameson,	do.	4 13 0	
Wm. Kelly,	do.	4 13 0	
Matthew Swan,	do.	5 8 0	
Jacob Cooks,	do.	5 2 0	

& Lieut. Col. Holton's acco't for £21 6 0, for 4 rifles, to be charged to Col. Wm. Smith's acco'ts.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver Messrs. Bromall and Grigson 50lb of Brass, upon their producing a Certificate from J. M. Nesbitt, Treas'r, of their having paid the prime Cost of the same.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Capt. Jno McElhallon £52 12 3, for dieting men on their March to this City, on their way to Camp in New Jersey, to be charged to Congress.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay to Capt. Read £9 0 4, for repairing of Arms.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay James Dunken 20s 10, for diet of 2 men on their march to the City, to be Charged to Congress.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay Alexander Rutherford £82 5 0, for Cartouch Boxes and Bayonet Belts, £68 5 0, to be charged to Col. James Crawford, of Lancaster County, & £14 0 0 to be Charged to Col. Richard Thomas, of Chester County.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Capt. Jos. Blewer £8 0 0, for a Musket, Lock, &ca.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Bartram Galbreath £83 12 6, for Drums, &ca.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Jos. Mather One Hundred & Fifty Pounds, for the purpose of supplying the Militia with Camp Kettles, &ca., to be Charged to the Committee of Inspection of Philad'a.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Patrick Ryan £1 10 0, for a Musket, to charged to Col. Jona. Paschall, of Philad'a County, & £2 10 0 for a Gun, to Hugh Jones, to be Charged to Col. Jona. Paschall.

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By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Barbara Keates £9 5 0, for a Riffle & a Gun, to be Charged to Col. Joseph Ferree's acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr Nesbitt was directed to pay to John Davidson £75 4 6, for Cartouch Boxes, &ca, to be Charged to Col. James Moore's Battalion, of Chester County.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Arthur Miller £4 0 0, for a Gun, to be Charged to Capt. Wm. McMullen, for Col. Wm. McKean's Battalion.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Fred. Antes, Esq'r, £25 0 0, it being for an experiment made on an 18 pounder Cannon, according to an agreement with the late Committee of Safety.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to Pay Capt. Tho's Millard £79 12 0, for arms purchased, &ca, to be Charged to Col. Tho's Hockley's acc't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Adolph Gillman £7 9 11, for meals of Militia on their march to this City.

Resolved, That the Troops under Capt Proctor's Command be augmented to two Hundred men, to be formed into two Companies, to be under the Direction of One Commanding Officer with the rank of Major, and each Company to have one Captain Lieutenant and three Lieutenants.

Resolved, That the said Troops be Commanded by Thomas Proctor, Esq'r, with the rank, pay, and allowance of Major, and to be recruited by him for the same time, and on the same terms as those already raised have been.

Capt. Welpert having waited on this Board with the Compliments of Mr. President Hancock, and to request that the Board would recommend some other Gentleman as first Lieutenant of the fifth Company of the German Battalion, to be raised in this State for the Continental Service, in the place of Lewis Van Linkensdorf, heretofore recommended as first Lieutenant, who has also been appointed Adjutant in the said Battalion; The Board, therefore, do recommend Mr. Bernard Hubley, jun'r, as first Lieutenant in the said Company, instead of the said Lewis Van Linkensdorf.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Rob't Porter £30 10 0, for Cartouch Boxes, &ca. for Cartouch Boxes & Bayonet Belts, to be Charged to Col. Richard Thomas.

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In Council of Safety, August 15th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

John Hubley,	Jos. Blewer,
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
James Cannon,	Henry Keppele.
John Weitzel,	

By order of the Board, John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to Pay Fullerton & Moran £282 17 6, for Repairing Gallies.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay to Lieut. Col. David Thomas £109 2 6, for Arms purchased for the use of His Battalion of Rifle men, of Philad'a County, to be Charged to his account.

By order of the Board, the Muster Master was directed to pass Capt. Jacob Hetherling's Company, of Col. Montgomery Battalion, of Chester County, with the present number of Officers & men.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Capt. Nathan Gibson £12 0 0, for shot Pouches, &c , for the use of his Company, to be Charged to Col. Jonathan Paschall of Philad'a County.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Capt. Robert Craig £17 2 0, for Blankets Purchased for the use of his Company, to be Charged to Col. Bartram Galbreath.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Tho's Hockley £100, to be charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board, R. Towers was directed to deliver Col. Tho's Hockley seventy Tomhawks for the use of His Battalion.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Dehaven & co. £509, for the use of the Gun Factory, to be Charged to their acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Jacob S. Howell £250, towards Intrenching tools & piks, to be Charged to his account.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following acco'ts:

to Thos. Richardson, £6 for a Gun, to be Charged to Col. John Ferree of Lancaster County

to Josiah Wood,	£16 12 6	for Pikes.
to Solomon Mathews,	3 2 4	for work at Magazine in Read-
to John Hay,	3 0 0	ing.
to Capt. Jo. Ross,	4 5 6	for shot Pouches, &ca., to be charged to Col. Porter of Lancaster County.
to Lieut. Col. Watson,	44 4 1	for Repairing arms, &ca.

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay Abraham Moore of Coventry Township, Chester County, £30, on account of arms to be made for the Service of this State.

Resolved, That the Commanding Officer of each Battalion or Company of Associators belonging to this State, be required forthwith to return to the Council of Safety a list of the names of the Associators who have deserted from their respective corps, that they may be dealt with according to their Deserts.

Ordered, That the above resolve be published in all the Public Papers of this City.

In Council of Safety, Aug't. 16th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Owen Biddle,
Sam'l Morris,	James Cannon,
John Hubley,	John Moore,
Henry Keppele,	Jos. Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Bull.
Geo. Gray,	

By order of the Board, Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay Capt. Thos. Turbett of Col. James Wilson's Battalion of Cumberland County, £13 13 4, for Mileage to this City for 82 men, to be Charged to Congress.

By order of the Board, Messrs. Mease & Caldwell were directed to pay John Clark of Capt. Robt. Elton's Company, in Col. Moore's Battalion, a month's advance.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to Pay:

Capt. Jno. Paxton, for mileage 60 men to this City, £7 10 0 to be Charg'd to Con.

Col. Crawford's acco't for Arms, &ca., £205 14 9, to be Charged to Col. James Crawford.

Capt. Wm. Scott for Arms bought, £22 12 6, to be Charged to Col. Thos. Hockley.

Nathaniel Porter, for do. bal. £22 14, to be Charged to Col. Hockley.

Wm. Brown Acco't, amo't £13 10 10¾, Boat Hire.

John Davison, for Cartridge Boxes, &ca., £27 19 6, to be charged to Capt. Wm. Smith, of York County.

By order of the Board, Messrs. Mease & Caldwell was desired to pay a month's advance to Morris Cunningham, of Col. McPherson's Battalion.

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By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbit was directed to pay Tho's McKensey £16 12 6, for Cartouch Boxes, £8 11 0 to be charged to Col. Wm. Smith & £8 1 6 to be Charged to Col. Dill.

By order of the Board, Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Mr. Thomas Mendenhall 3 Quarter Casks of Powder, & Charge it to his Acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbit was directed to pay Mr. Tho's Mendenhall £57 3 9, which with the above Powder, is in full for 303¾ lbs. Salt Petre delivered Rob't Towers.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Rob't Porter £4 5 6 for Cartouch Boxes, d'd for the use of Col. William Smith's Battalion, of York County.

Permission was given to one Officers belonging to each of the Battalions of Prisoners confined at Lancaster, now on Parole at Carlisle, to go to Lancaster and continue for such a Space of Time as is Sufficient to muster the Prisoners belonging to their respective Battalions, & directed to the Committee of Inspection of Cumberland.

By order of the Board, Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver to Q'r M. Generals Assistant, 4000 Priming Wires & Brushes, 20,000 Flints, 200 Ramrods, 1 Ton Riffle Powder, Cannon Cartridge Paper, and a number of Musket Cartridges, (leaving a Sufficient number of for this State) to be Charged to Congress.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to Pay Mr. James Old £1500 on acco't of Cannon & Shott Cast for the use of this State, to be Charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. John Baker £60, on account of repairs done to Arms of Associators going into Service, to be Charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major Benja. Loxley £100, towards the the Cannon Foundry & Boring Mill erected for this State, to be Charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Thomas Porter Fifty Pounds, to be Charged to his acco't.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Wm. Brown £35 8 11, being the Balance of his acco't.

Messrs. Mease & Caldwell were requested to advance Lieut. Col. Wm. Clark One Hundred & Fifty Pounds, & Lieut. Col. Frederick Watts Ten pounds, in order to assist the Officers of their Battalion, as it will promote the Service in forwarding the men to Camp.

Resolved, That the Committee of Inspection and Observation of Lancaster County, be requested to assist Capt. Matthew Smith in the procuring 160 Rifles, and that they direct the Gun Smiths in their County to make that Quantity of Rifles with all Convenient dispatch, so as not to hinder them from repairing the arms of the Militia now on their march to Head Quarters in Jersey.

By order of the Board, Mr. Nesbitt was requested to pay Lieut. Lowan £2 19 9, for repairing Arms, &ca., to be Charged to Col. Wm. Smith.

The Board then Adjourned to 7 o'Clock, Afternoon; when the following members mett:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Owen Biddle,	John Hubley,
John Bull,	James Cannon,
Henry Keppele,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r.

Capt. Ayres of the Armed Boat Campden, was directed to pay Hugh Whiteford the wages due to his Slave, Jacob Kelly, and discharge said Kelly from the Service of this State.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Mr. Owen Biddle, for £250, towards Cloathing purchased for Col. Atlee's Battalion, to be Charged to his Acco't.

In Council of Safety, August 17th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Jos. Blewer,
John Hubley,	John Bull,
James Cannon,	Fred. Kuhl,
Owen Biddle,	Geo. Gray.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in fav'r of Mr. Adam Zantzinger, for £75, and an order on Mr. Robert Towers for 4 Quarter Casks of Powder, being for 400 lbs. Salt Petre.

The following Acco'ts were passed & Mr. Nesbitt directed to pay them.

Capt. Nath'l Porter's Acco't, £1 2 0, for Repairing Arms for Col. Hockly's Battalion.

An Acco't for mileage of 6 Companies of Col. Hockley's Battalion, viz:

Capt. Whealon Comp'y £8 12 10; Capt. Ralston's Comp'y £10 12 11.

Capt. Hartman's Co'y 10 0 0; Capt. Scott's £7 6 8.

Capt. Miller's £6 9; Capt. Porter, £6 12, making in the whole £49 13 5, to be Charged to Congress.

Capt. Jos. Blewer's Acco't for a Gun delivered Rob't Towers £3 0 0.

Thomas Tuft's Acco't £21 0 0, for Medicine Chests, &c., made for Doct'r Duffield & Delany for Public Service, to be Charged to Congress.

Major John Boyd's Acco't for Arms Purchased £54, to be Charged to Colo. John Ferree.

Henry Debearer, for £1 7 0, for 6 Bullet Moulds, to be charged to Col. Timothy Matlack.

Capt. Sam'l Holstein, for Arms taken from Non-Associators, amo't £39 13 0, to be Charged to Col. Jonathan Paschall.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Major Evans One Musket & Cartouch Box.

Mr. Rob't Towers was directed to deliver Major John Boyd one Riffle Gun, to be Charged to Col. Ferree.

An order was drawn on Messrs. Mease & Caldwell for £38 0 6, for Blankets purchased by Capt. Padon, to be Charged to Col. Bartram Galbreath, & to be deducted out of men's wages.

Mr. Nesbit was directed to pay Sam'l Johnston £3 0 9, for Breakfasts for 81 men of Capt. Peeble's Company Riffle men, & 4s. 2 for Breakfasts for 5 men on Guard.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Wm. Kennard, for £5 0 0, on acco't of sails he is making for one of the Gallies, to be Charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbit, in favour of George Taylor, for £1000, towards Shott Cast by him for the Service of this State, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Capt. Valentine Opp, (of Bucks County), for £228, to enable him to pay a Bounty of £3 to each person who shall inlist himself in his Company for the Flying Camp, to be charged to his account. (to inform Com.)

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Col. Rob't Lewis, of Philad'a County, £251 17 3, for arms taken from non-Associators, to be charged to Col. Lewis.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Copenhave £1 3 4, for 2 meals victuals for 24 men, to be charged to Congress. Also to pay Peter Holstein £2 7 3, for dinners for 63 men, Capt. Nicholas Buttenger's Comp'y, to be Charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Capt. Valentine Opp's Company do march to the Camp in Jersey immediately, on their receiving the Bounty of Three pounds each, with such arms as they may have, and such as have no arms will be furnished at Camp; they are also to march.

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In Council of Safety, August 19th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

James Cannon, Sam'l Morris,
Joseph Blewer, John Hubley.
Frederick Kuhl,

There not being a Quorum met, it was agreed that the V. P. should call a meeting at 5 o'Clock afternoon, when the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Jos. Blewer, Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
James Cannon, John Weitzel,
Fred. Kuhl, John Moore.
Henry Keppele, j'r,

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Col. Mark Bird Thirty Stand of Arms, taking his receipt.

Mr. Peter Dehaven was directed to deliver Capt. Pauling four Riffles, taking his receipt.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Hugh Cunningham £14 10, for 6 Guns Purchased for the use of Capt. James Barber's Company, of Col. Bartram Galbreath's Battalion, to be Charged to Col. Galbreath.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Capt. Copenhaver, of Col Timothy Green's Battalion, 3 Muskets, & take his receipt.

Information being given that the Guards of this City are weakly maned, and that the duty has fallen heavy upon a few in Consequence of the neglect of some Associators to enrol themselves in the Companies stationed here, by order of General Roberdeau, agreeable to the recommendation of the late Committee of Safety, and that uneasinesses have arisen amongst those who have done the duty of Guards from a misapprehension of the proper authority to be exercised by the Commanding Officer; The Council having made enquiry into the matter, are of oppinion that the Captain of the Guards has acted in the line of his duty, and has duely discharged the part of an Active and Prudent Officer. And to prevent any future complaint arising from the Causes aforesaid,

Resolved, That every Associator belonging to this City and Liberties, capable of doing Duty, who has not marched with the Militia to the Camp in New Jersey, and who neglects to enrol himself in some one of the four Companies of Guards, and to attend the service in his Turn, shall be deemed a Non Associator, and be subject to all fines and Penalties of such.

That the Associators on Duty as Guards in this City are actually in Continental Service, intitled to the same pay and Rations, and

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subject to the same rules and Regulations, as the Militia of this State now in New Jersey.

The following accounts were passed, & Mr. Nesbitt directed to pay them, & charge the same to Congress, viz:

Capt. Rob't M'Kee for Milage of 2 men of his Comp'y, belonging to Col. Ferree's Battalion, Lancaster County, 77 Miles each, a 1d, - - - - - - - - - - - 12s 10

Valentine Vanhalt's account for meals:

Capt. Jno. Rowland's Comp'y of Col. Ferree's Battalion of Lancaster County, - - - - - -	£2	9	6
Capt. Jacob Carpenter's Comp'y of do. Battalion, -	2	12	6
Capt. Bowman's Comp'y of do, - - - - -	3	4	6
Capt. Alexander Martin's Company, - - - - -	2	4	3
Capt. Coppenhaven's Comp'y, Col. Green's Battalion, Lancaster County, - - - - - - - -	4	15	

In Council of Safety, August 20th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Fred. Kuhl,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
James Cannon,	John Moore,
Joseph Blewer,	Geo. Gray,
John Hubley,	Owen Biddle.
Henry Keppele,	

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Capt. Wm. M'Mullen £62 16 6 for arms purchased from non-Associators, & d'd to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Arch'd Thompson £18 7 0, for Arms Purchased, to be charged to Col. Thomas of Philad'a County, & Shippen & Way £29 16 3, for work delivered to Capt. Richards.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Charles Stultz for work for Artillery Companies £3 8 0, & James Davison for nursing a sick man belonging to the Congress Gally £1 16 0.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Col. Galbreath 15 Cartouch Boxes, taking his receipt.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lewis Trimble £8 8 0, for wood delivered at Chester, for the use of Col. Miles,' Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Tho's Miles 20s for Rifleing a Gun & mending a lock, belonging to Capt. Thomas Turbett's Comp'y, to be Charged to Col. Jas. Wilson, Cumberland County.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Philip Shilling £5 5 for 28 Powder Horns, d'd for the use of Col. Wm. Smith's Battalion of York County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following Accounts, Vizt:

Capt. McNary's Acco't for meals for his Company of the 4 Battalions of York County, commanded by Col. Smith, amo't £10 4 0, to be charged to Congress; & £6 17 0 for Drums, &ca., to be charged to the Col.

Capt. Lepper's Milage of 7 men of his Company of third Battalion, of Cumberland County, £3 10 0.

Agreeable to the Determination of the Board Yesterday, Commodore Davison & the Captains of the Gallies, were Summonsed to attend the Board on Thursday next, precisely at 2 O'Clock, Afternoon.

James McConneaughy was brought before the Board, and was permitted to be enlarged from his Confinement, upon giving security that he would appear at the next Court of Judicature that may be held in the County of Chester for the trying of Offences and Misdemeanors; and in the mean time to march to the Camp in New Jersey, and there remain untill the return of said Army; which was done accordingly, himself Bound in the Sum of £1000, & Wm. Graham in £500, for the Performance thereof.

The Board then adjourned to 5 o'Clock, afternoon.

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5 O'Clock, afternoon.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Owen Biddle,	John Hubley,
George Gray,	John Moore,
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	John Weitzel.

Information being given by Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, that a Certain George Crows had fraudulently obtained large sums of money from Divers persons by means of Deeds of Lands Forged by him and a Certain Anthony Sypher; Whereupon the following Warrant was Issued:

"In Council of Safety for the State of Penn'a, }
Aug't 20th, 1776. }

"You are hereby required to Cause George Crows to be taken and brought before this Council to answer a Charge exhibited against him for Forgery by Francis Hopkinson, Esq'r, and for you so doing this shall be your order.

"Signed, THO'S WHARTON, jr., President.

"To Capt. RICHARD PETERS."

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A similar order was given to cause Anthony Seyper to be brought before the Council.

John Hatton of New Jersey was brought before the Council, he being suspected of Facilitating the escape of Col. Kirkland from his Confinement in this City, and after examination, he was admitted to be enlarged from the State Prison, on his entering into a recognizance of Five Hundred Pounds for the good behaviour. At the same time John Hale was brought before the Council and was admitted to Bail for his Good and Peaceable behaviour, under a Penalty of £1000 himself and sufficient surety.

In Council of Safety, August 21st, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Owen Biddle,
John Hubley,	Henry Keppele,
Fred. Kuhl,	Joseph Blewer,
James Cannon,	John Moore.
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Benj'a Gibbs £8 11 1, for an anchor & Blocks d'd Capt. White.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Esther Burke £2 3 6, for nursing Sick Soldiers belonging to Col. Miles' Battalion.

Lieutenant Benjamin Broonback and Ensign Michael Cypher, where summoned to attend the Board on Saturday morning next (ye 24th Instant], at 8 O'Clock in the forenoon, to answer for leaving their Colours without leave of their Commanding Officer.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Bartram Galbreath, £12 0 0, for Blankets for the use of his Battalion, to be charged to Col. Galbreath's acct, & £1 17 6, for Bayonet Scabbards, also £6 17 0, for Cartouch Boxes & Powder Horns, amo'tg,

A Petition from Joseph Greenway, third Lieut. of the Ship Montgomery, in the service of this State, was laid before the Board, praying that he may have leave to resign his Commission, as he has an opportunity of serving his Country in a more essencial manner than he is now able to do, which request was granted, and he is discharged from the Service aforesaid.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doct'r Fred. Otto, for attendance on a man wounded at Cape May, in the Service of this State, £6 11 3.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Richard Chew, £19 16 8, for 35 Barrels of Tarr delivered Wm. Richards.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Jona. Paschall, 18s. 6, to altering Colours belonging to his Battalion, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doct'r Sam'l Duffield for attending a man wounded in working a Chevaux-De-Frize, £2 5 0.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay £0 12 10, for milage for 2 men of Col. Galbreath's Battalion, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. David Thomas, for meals victuals for Capt. Pauling & Capt. Howell's Companies of Associators of his Battalion, Philad'a County, £6 11 9, to be charged to Congress, and £1 4 0 for Shot Pouches bo't by him for the use of his Battalion, to be charged to the Co'l.

In Council of Safety, August 22nd, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, vice President.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon,
John Hubley,	Henry Keppele,
Fred. Kuhl,	Joseph Blewer.

John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Col. Thomas Hockley £191 16 6, for Arms, Blankets, &ca, for the use of his Battalion, to be charged to Col. Hockley.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Benja. Seyoe 4 Grubing Hoes & 4 Falling axes, to be delivered by him to Mr. Nicholas Hicks, at Billingsport.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Col. Hugh Lloyd, of Chester County, 83 Cartouch Boxes, taking his receipt.

The Vice President being under a necessity of attending the Convention, Mr. Owen Biddle was requested to take the Chair.

In Consequence of an order granted the 20th Instant, George Crows was brought before the Board with his Trunk, in which was found, among a number of Papers, the Sum of £498 0 8, in four Bundles, vizt.:

1 Bundle,	£102 0 0,	One Hundred and two pounds.
1 ditto,	46 0 8,	
2 ditto,	50,	
2 ditto, of 400 Dollars each.	300 0 0,	
	£498 0 8.	

which was delivered to Mr. Frederick Kuhl, by order of the Board, and he requested to keep in his Possessions.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Major Loxley, one Ton of Copper & 400 lb of Block Tin.

An order was drawn on John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, for £200, in fav'r of Robert Semple, Esq'r, to be charged to the Committee

of Inspection & Observation of Cumberland County, it being for the purpose of assisting the Families of poor Associators, who are now in actual Service.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Mark Bird, Esq'r, for £107 2 6, being for arms taken from non-Associators, for the use of his Battalion, to be charged to his account.

Messrs. Dehaven & Carter was directed to deliver Capt. Alexander Martin, of Col. Peter Grub's Battalion, of Lancaster County, 11 Stand of Arms and twenty Cartouch Boxes.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Mrs. Connoly, £6 5 0, for 5 weeks' allowance, at 25s p. week, from 16 July to 21st Instant, agreeable to a Resolve of the late Committee of Safety, 16 July last.

After Examination of George Crowes, it appeared from his own Confession and Papers found in his Chest, that he was Guilty of Forgery and Fraud; he was therefore sent to the State Prison, and the following warrant of Committment was granted:

"In Council of Safety for the State of Penn'a,
"Aug't 22nd, 1776.

"You are hereby Authorized, empowered, and required to confine George Crows in a Room by himself in the State prison, without Pen, Ink, and Paper, and Feed him on bread and water, and Permit no person to hold any Intercourse with him, except by Special order from this Board, he being Guilty, (by his own Confession) of Forgery and Fraud. By order of the Council.

"Signed by the President.

"To ROBERT JEWELL, Esq'r, Keeper of the State Prison."

The Council then adjourned to 2 o'Clock, P. M; when the following Members met:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Owen Biddle,	John Moore,
George Gray,	John Weitzel,
John Hubley,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
James Cannon,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Fred. Kuhl,	Joseph Blewer.

Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Reese Johns, of Col. Hockley's Battalion, Chester County, £7 2 6, for mileage, 38 men, £7 2 6, to be charged to Congress.

According to a Summons of the 20th Instant, Commodore Davison & the Captains of the Gallies, appeared before the Board, & after hearing the Captain's reasons why Commodore Davison should not be continued in the Command, & the Commodore's answers

thereto, it was agreed that the determination should be referred to a future day.

In Council of Safety, August 23rd, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r President.

Fred. Kuhl,	Jos. Blewer,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon,
Owen Biddle,	David Rittehouse,
John Hubley,	Henry Keppele.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver to Capt. Conrad Snider, 4 Guns & 4 Cartouch Boxes, for the use of his Company of Col. Jos. Armstrong's Battalion, Cumberland County.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver George Gerber, 84 lb of Powder.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of George Gerber, for £63 15 0, which with the above 84lb Powder, is in full for 339 lb Salt petre.

John Maxwell Nesbitt was directed to pay the following accounts, vizt.:

Capt. James Young's acco't for a musket delivered Capt. James McDonald of the Flying Camp, £4 16 0.

Major Caleb Davis, for necessaries for the Chester County quota, for the Flying Camp, purchased under the directions of the Committee of Inspection, to be charged to his Acco't, £202 10 0

Baldwin & Tyler for repairing arms belonging to Col. Hockley's Battalion, to be charged to the Col., £28 13 9.

Sam'l Raine, for 2 weeks' Board of a sick Soldier belonging to Capt. Farmer's Company, of Col. Miles' Regiment, £1 10 0.

Capt. James McCandles, for diet of his Company of Col. W'm Smith's Battalion, York County, to be charged to Congress, £35 11 9.

Capt. James' acco't for milage 21 men belonging to Col. Hockley's Battalion, £3 10 0, to be charged to Congress, & £2 13 0, for sundries, to be charged to Col. Hockley.

Capt John Hart, Milage, &ca, his Company of Col. Lloyd's Battalion, Chester County, £5 14 3, to be charged to Congress.

Col. Bird, of Berks County, for Rations for his Battalion, to be charged to Congress, £145 5 10.

Capt. Pierce, for milage, &ca., of Col. Lloyd's Battalion, Chester County, to be charged to Congress, £6 8 7.

Major John Jones, for diet of Capt. Alexander Martin's Company, Col. Grub's Battalion, £2 3 3, to be charged to Congress.

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Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Col. Hugh Lloyd of Chester County, 48 Muskets & 127 Bayonets, for the use of his Battalion, taking his receipt.

Adjourned to 4 o'Clock, P. M.; when the following members met:

THOMAS WHARTON, President.

Geo. Gray,	Jos. Blewer,
Owen Biddle,	Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Henry Kepele, jun'r.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay the following accot's, Vizt.:

Geo. Gray, Esq'r, for arms taken from non-Associators & delivered to Col. Jon'a. Paschall, to be charged to the Col., £171 6 0.

Leonard Creamer, for 2 Riffles d'd Capt. Jacob Carpenter, for the use of his Company of Col. John Ferree's Battalion, to be charged to the Col., £7 18 0.

Capt. Jacob Shnider, for Bread & other Provisions, for his Company, the Commissary refusing to serve them, £3 0 8, to be charged to Congress.

Leave was Given to Mr. Robert Jewell to suffer George Crows to have the Liberty of the State Prison.

An order was Given to Mr. Owen Biddle to deliver Mr. James White 40 Bushels of Salt out of the Stores at Germantown.

Resolved, That the Commanding Officers of the several Battalions and Companies now in Quarters, or that may arrive here, be directed to order proper persons to attend at the Commissary of Provisions' Office, (in fifth Street, near Market Street), with returns, to receive their Provisions every morning, between the Hours of 6 & 9 O'Clock.

In Council of Safety, August 24th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Owen Biddle,	John Moore,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Hubley,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon.

Mr. Hubley was desired to write to Lancaster and give Directions to the Committee of Inspection to allow Mr. Brooks, confined in Jail there, to have the Liberty of Walking in the Prison Yard, if the Committee think Mr. Brooks will not thereby make his escape; likewise that the Committee take Barrington's Parole of Honor and send him to his Brother Officers, at York or Cumberland Counties.

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Resolved, That application be made to the Board of Warr for Sixty Stand of Arms, to supply the Militia now on their way to the Camp.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Capt. Hazlewood's Son £20 for the use of the Fire Rafts, to be charged to Capt. Hazlewood.

Peter Dehaven, &ca., £500, for the use of the Gun Lock Factory, to be charged to their Account.

Capt. Andrew Boon of 2nd Battalion of Chester County, for Drums, Fifes, &ca., for His Company £6 2 6.

Robert Jewell, for Board of John Hatton £2 3 4, to be Charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety, August 26th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Frederick Kuhl,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	John Weitzel,
John Hubley,	George Gray,
John Moore,	Owen Biddle.

John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay the following Accounts, Vizt:

Thomas Apty, for Fees of State Prisoners Confined in the Work House, to be charged to Congress, £1 9 0.

Thomas Webber, for 14¼ Cords of wood delivered at Fort Island, £12 16 6.

Capt. Cowden of Col. Bird's Battalion £9 3 0, for Canteens, to be charged to the Col.; & £5 10 0 for support of his men, to be charged to Congress; also £3 11.8 for Repairing Arms, to be charged to this State.

George Hauton, for repairing Drums, &ca., £3 17 0.

John Gamble, for 24 Cartouch Boxes for Capt. Rob't Culberson's Company of Col. Wm. Clark's Battalion, Cumberland County, to be charged to the Col.

William Pollard, for Expences of himself & 3 others of the light Horse, escorting Amunition to Camp in New Jersey, to be charged to Congress.

Thomas M'Warters for Stone delivered at Fort Island for sinking the Peers.

Col. John Ferree, of Lancaster County, for arms &ca. purchased for his Battalion, to be charged to his acco't, £97 18 6.

Jeremiah Baker for wood delivered at the Barracks of this City £62 19 5, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Rowland, 5s for mending a Drum.

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An order was drawn, on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Robert Smith, for £500, for the Purpose of Building Chevaux de Frize, & other works at Billingsport, to be Charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, in fav'r of Sam'l Morris, Esq'r, for £500, for the purpose of Purchasing Logs, &ca., for Building Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, to be charged to his account.

Joseph Ferree, Esq'r, of Germantown, was directed to deliver Doct'r Harris One Ton of Salt Petre out of the Stores under his care.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Doctor Harris, for £50, to be charged to his account.

Capt. William Richards was directed to deliver Mr. Robert Smith, for the use of the works at Billingsport, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary of Stores, was directed to deliver Capt. David Howell 5 Muskets, & Messrs. Dehaven, & Co., to deliver Capt. Howell 6 Riffles for the use of his Company, of Col. Thomas's Battalion of Philad'a County.

In Council of Safety, August 27th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Blewer,
John Moore,	Henry Keppele, Jun'r,
Frederick Kuhl,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Owen Biddle,	John Weitzel,
George Gray,	John Hubley.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay the following acco'ts, Viz't:

Capt. Joseph Blewer £23 6 0 for repairing a Shallop, damaged in Sinking the Peers at Fort Island.

John Stacy for Flat Hire, £5 5 0.

Col. Joseph Armstrong, of Cumberland County, for repairing arms, £6 5 6.

Capt. Robert Culberson £1 14, for Repairing arms belonging to his Company, of Col. Armstrong's Battalion.

George Capehart for 7 days Flat Hire.

Col. Robert Peebles for an order drawn by James Pollock & Samuel Laird, Esq'rs, Commissioners of Cumberland County, for Two Hundred Pounds, being in part for 100 muskets made by Col. Peebles, to be charged to said Commissioners.

Capt. Peter Hoffnagle £58 10 0, for arms Purchased for the use of his Company, of Col. George Ross' Battalion of Lancaster County, to be charged to the Col.

Mr. John Stelwell £23 11 6, being for Expenses in saving Powder out of the Brig Nancy, paid by Capt. Wm. Pollock.

Capt. Thomas Bell £399 18 0, for Freight of 142 Barrels of Powder & 53 Tons of Lead.

Francis Clark £9 0 0, for 12 Cutlasses, deliver'd by Mr. Towers.

Jacob Zoll for dieting Capt. Richards' Company,		to be charged to Congress.
Col. Thomas Potts' Battalion,	£2 18 6	
For dieting Capt. Weaver's Company, of		
Col. Bull's Battalion,	1 16 9	

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse make application to the Paper makers to supply the Commissary with a Quantity of Musket Cartridge Paper.

A Present Scarcity of Cartridge Paper, makes it necessary for this Board to recommend to the Printers in this State to spare a Quantity of Paper to our Commissary, Robert Towers, Esq'r, for the Purpose of making Cartridges.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Thomas Savage, for £400, towards erecting & carrying on the Salt works on Tom's River in New Jersey, for the Service of this State.

Whereas, a dangerous Riot was excited this Day, at or near the Barracks of this City, and at the same Time great Violence and Abuse offered to the Family of Mr. Lawrence Fegan, whereby his Wife was wounded, his House robbed, and his Property destroyed to a great Amount;

In order to discourage such wicked and mischievous Practices for the Future, and to bring the offenders to condign Punishment, the Council of Safety hereby offer a Reward of Fifty Dollars to any Person, who shall apprehend and convict the Ringleaders and Perpetrators of the above mentioned Riot and Robbery.

The Board then adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M., at which time the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

John Hubley,	Frederick Kuhl,
Joseph Blewer,	John Weitzel.
John Moore,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	James Cannon.
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	

Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay the following accounts, vizt:

James Bringhurst for sash weights, &ca., £94 1 11.

John Elmslie, for Shot moulds, &ca., £11 8 4.

Capt. James Murry, £6 6 0 for Canteens, &ca., for his Comp'y of Col. James Bird's Battalion, Lancaster County, to be charged to the Col.

The Council having heard the complaints made against Commodore Samuel Davison, with the proofs brought to support them;

and taking into consideration the situation of the Naval armaments belonging to this State, are of opinion, that most of the Charges made against the said Samuel Davison are frivolous, and discover a dangerous Spirit of Licentiousness amongst the other Officers, inconsistent with The Duty they owe their Country, and not to be justified on Military Principles, which exacts a due Obedience at all times to the orders of superiors; But as it appears to the Council that the Officers of the Fleet in General, have not that respect for, nor Confidence in, the said Samuel Davison, which is absolutely necessary to give Vigour and Efficacy to the Command, and that notwithstanding the Known merit of said Davison, yet the charge of Incompetency to so important a Trust is not altogether without foundation; It is therefore

Resolved, That the said Samuel Davison, Esq'r, be no longer Continued in the Command of the naval armament of this State, and he is accordingly dismissed from the same.

Resolved, That Capt. Henry Dougherty be appointed to the Command of the Galley building at Kensington, by Mr. Williams, and that she be called the Delaware.

Resolved, That Capt. John Rice be appointed to the Command of the Galley called the Convention.

Agreeable to a Resolve of the Honorable Congress, & by direction of the Board, the following Commissions for Privateers were granted, vizt:

To John Hamilton, Commander of the Brig't General Mifflin, of 12 Carriage Guns and 90 men, owned by John Cox, John Chaloner, &ca.

To Charles Ferguson, Commander of the Brig't General Putnam, of 12 Carriage Guns and 90 men, Owned by Matthew Irwin, Benjamin Harbeson, &ca.

In Council of Safety, August 28th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	John Hubley,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Frederick Kuhl,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Blewer,
John Moore,	George Gray.

John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay the Following accounts, vizt:

Sam'l Culberson £7 2 6, for 3 Muskets, delivered to Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary.

John Kerlin, for dieting 28 Companies of Militia on their March towards the Camp in New Jersey, to be charged to Congress.

Thomas McHenry £35 14 0, for Cartouch Boxes & Bayonet Belts, deliver'd Mr. Commissary Towers.

Capt. Benjamin Savage, the Balance of Milage for his Company £5 9 3, (he having left orders for £2 13 6 on the Road,) to be charged to Congress; also, £8 9 6 for arms for his Company of Col. Smith's Battalion, to be charged to y'e Col.

Capt. McCandles 14s 1, for Milage for 2 men of his Company, distance 85 miles, to be charged to Congress.

John Martin for dieting 3 Companies of Militia on their March to Camp £7 7 9, to be charged to Congress.

Michael Holman £5 4 0, for repairing arms, &ca, belonging to Capt. Elijah Davis' Company of Col. David Thomas's Battalion, to be charged to the Col.

Mr. Robert Jewele £2 12 6, for support of 3 prisoners in the State Prison.

Conrad Pegeon £9 0 9, for repairs at the Barracks.

An order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, Treasurer to the Congress, in favour of John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer to this Board, for 70,000 Dollars, being the residue of 100,000 Dollars lent by Congress to this State.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Mr. Owen Biddle, for £100, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliverd Messrs. Jos. Sherer, Geo. Dollinger, and Casper Stoever, jun'r, for the use of the Frontiers of Lancaster County, 300 lb. of Powder & 900 lb. of Lead, and to deliver to Peter Spyker, Esq'r, Messrs. Charles Shoemaker, & Herrenonimus Henning, 300 lb. of Powder & 900 lb. of Lead, for the use of the Frontiers of Berks County.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Capt. Hazlewood, or his son, for £20, on acco't of the Fire Rafts, to be charged to Capt. Hazlewood.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Mr. Gustavus Resberg, Assistant D. Q. M. General, for the Flying Camp, One Ton Riffle Powder, one Ton of Cannon Powder, & Lead in Proportion, to be forwarded to General Washington at New York.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to Pay John Jones £9 18 3, for dieting Troops on their March towards Camp, to be charged to Congress.

Messrs. Dehaven & Carter were directed to deliver Col. Bird, of Lancaster County, 12 Stand of Arms.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Col. Bird, of Lancaster County, 15 Cartouch Boxes.

Directions were given to Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, to send a Number of Arms and a Quantity of Powder belonging to him, now at Egg Harbour, by Waggons, to the Camp at Amboy, and this Board engage to pay the Amount & Expences Incurred.

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Resolved, That the Commanding Officers of the Troops now in this City, be directed to proceed with all their Men to Amboy, either by Land or Water, to-morrow Morning, without any exception, and not to waite for any Arms or Accoutrements, as care will be taken to supply them when they arrive at Camp. The Necessity which gives occasion to the present orders is such that nothing will detain any men that are Properly attached to the Cause.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Arthur Donaldson, for £200, towards the Floating Battery now Building under his direction, to be charged to his Account.

In Council of Safety, August 29th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Frederick Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Hubley,
Owen Biddle,	John Weitzel,
Joseph Blewer,	George Gray.
James Cannon,	

Mr. Benjamin Harbeson was ordered to deliver to Colonel Ferree, of Lancaster County, 8 Camp Kettles, for the Use of his Batt'n, and to deliver Major Ewen 27 Ditto, for Col. Porter's Battalion.

Commissions were filled up for James Whitehead & George Shaffner, Gentlemen, as Ensigns in Col. Sam'l John Attlee's Battalion of Musketry, and dated the 19th Instant, (August).

An order was drawn on John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favour of Capt. Wm. Richards, for £400, to be charged to his Acco't.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favor of Lieut. Matthew Hand, for £30 for the purpose of Inlisting Men for the Flying Camp, to be charged to his Account.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favor of Samuel High, one of the Commissioners of Berks County, for £600, on Account of Arms making in that County, to be charged to the Commissioners.

Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, was directed to deliver Major Ewin 100 Stand of Arms for the Use of Col. Porter's Battalion, of Lancaster County.

John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay the Following Accounts, vizt: Capt. John Withers, of Col. Jno. Ferree's Batt'n, Lancaster County, for Arms Purchased for the use of his Company, to be charged to the Collonel.

Capt. Andrew Bean £103 15 0, for Arms purchased for his Company, to be charged to Col. Ferree.

Valentine Vanhold, for dieting 5 Companies of Militia, on their March towards the Camp, £13 4 9, to be charged to Congress.

Major John Jones, for dieting 3 Companies Militia, £7 15 3, to be charged to Congress.

Michael Holman, for a Riffle, &ca., for Capt. David Howell's Comp'y, to be charged to Col. David Thomas.

John Britton, for Boards, Scantling, &ca., delivered to Mr. Robert Smith at Billingsport, for building Barracks, &ca., £216 19 2, to be charged to Congress.

Woolery Meng, for 7 Cartouch Boxes, delivered to Capt. Thomas Duncan, £3 3 0, to be charged to Col. Hill.

Sebastian Graff, for Arms & Accoutrements deliver'd to General Roberdeau, £19 4 6, to be charged to Col. Matlack.

Lieut. George Moore, for 5 Stand of Arms left at Camp, £20 0 0, to be charged to Col. Matlack.

Capt. Paul Zantzinger, for Arms left at Camp, £74 11 0, to be charged to Col. Matlack.

Jacob Braiser, for repairing Arms belonging to Col. Peter Grub's Battalion, £1 9 9.

Samuel High, for 2 Riffles delivered Capt. Jacob Gaul, £7 2 6, to be charged to Col. Henry Haller.

Capt. Sam'l Pattons, for Expences Procuring Provisions for his Company, £1 7 0, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Morrison, Milage 67 men, 90 miles, £25 2 6, to be charged to Congress, & £6 10 for a Riffle, to be charged to Col. Porter.

In Council of Safety, August 30th, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAM'L MORRIS, sen'r, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	John Weitzel,
John Hubley,	James Cannon,
John Moore,	George Gray.
Frederick Kuhl,	

John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay the following accounts, viz't:

Benjamin Marshall, for sundries for the use of the fleet of this State, £58 9 2.

Christian Wert, &ca., for victualling 4 Companies of Col. Ross' Battalion, Lancaster County, £110 3 9, to be charged to Congress.

Benjamin Brooke, £18 16 10, & Peter Gauber, £1 11 0, for repairing Arms belonging to Col. Potts' Battalion.

Benjamin Broomback, for 55 Breakfasts of Capt. Adams' Company, Col. Grub's Battalion, £2 1 3, to be charged to Congress.

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Thomas Miles, for 2 Riffles for Capt. Elijah Davis' Company, to be charged to Col. David Thomas, £12 0 0.

James Brooke, £4 12 3, for Stocking Guns belonging to Col. Potts' Battalion.

Mr. Rob't Towers, Commissary, £87 5 2, for Salt Petre purchased, making Cartridges, &ca.

Martha McAllen, 20s, to be charged to the State.

Thobias Rudolf, £2 10 0, for Horse Hire, going in search of Arthur Thomas, to be charged to Congress.

To pay for waggon Hire, £6 15 0, for the service of this State,

Capt. Jacob Fauns, £75, for Bounty Money for his Company. who have entered into the Flying Camp, to be charged to his account.

Resolved, That the Commanding Officers of the Militia, who have Returned from Camp with their Troops, be required to deliver into the Hands of Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, all such arms and accoutrements belonging to this State as may be in their Possession, in order that the same may be put into the Hands of such Associators who are not Provided and ready to march to New Jersey. The expence of such Collection will be discharged by this Board.

Thomas Haney, a Mulattoe, was brought before the Board, and charged by Capt. Charles Stuart with Theft, whereupon he was Committed to the Common Jail.

Agreeable to a resolve of the Honorable Congress, & by direction of the Board, a Commission was granted for the Privateer Brig'e, called the General Mongomery, Commanded by James Montgomery, mounting 12 Carriage Guns, navigated by One Hundred Men.

WHEREAS, some designing, Ill-disposed persons, have spread false Reports that the number of Troops now in New Jersey is too great; that many are in Consequence discharged by the Generals; And that there is not any occasion to forward the Troops who have not yet been at Camp. The Council therefore, to frustrate the designs of such persons, and to hasten the March of the Associators to the Camp in Jersey, Make known that there is an Immediate Necessity for the Associators to hasten their March to the said Camp with all expedition, and pay no regard to any reports which do not come from this Council or other proper authority.

Order'd, That the above be published in Hand Bills & distributed about the City.

In Council of Safety, August 31st, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	John Moore,
Owen Biddle,	Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Hubley.
Jos. Blewer,	

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay the Following accounts, Vizt:

Col. David Thomas, for Incidental Charges in marching his men to this City on their way to Camp in New Jersey, £4 0 9, to be charged to Congress.

Jacob Bakestees, £103 1 4, for Cartouch Boxes, &ca., delivered for the use of the Militia of Lancaster & Cumberland Counties, to be charged to the Colonels.

To pay an Acco't for Riffleing & Stocking Guns, &ca., £9 6 0.

Thos. Clifford and Sons, £15 1 10, for Sash weights delivered to Mr. Thos. Nevill.

Mr. John Hubley, £82 7 4, for Linen Bought by him, to be charged to Mr. Owen Biddle.

Thomas Miles, £12, for two Riffles for the use of Capt. Thos. Morrison's Company, to be charged to Col. Porter.

Josiah Wood, £30 0 0, for 100 Pikes, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Capt. Nicholas Dean, 25s for mending a Drum, &ca.

Resolved, That Wm. Farley, Michael Purviance, Arthur Canaday, & Edward Riely, belonging to our Fleet, be allowed leave of absence from the Vessels they belong to for four weeks from this date, for the only purpose of working at Mr. James Wharton's Rope Walk on cordage for the Continental Frigates, to be at all times subject to Mr. Wharton's orders, and, in case of any alarm, that they do Immediately repair on Board their Respective Boats or Vessels.

Resolved, That Mr. Wharton & Mr. Biddle be appointed to employ proper persons to bring the Coal from Virginia, Contracted for by the late Committee of Safety.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in fav'r of Capt. Jos. Copperthwaite or his order, for Eight Hundred Pounds, to be charged to His & Col. Clement Biddles' acco't.

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In Council of Safety, September 2nd, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

SAMUEL MORRIS, Sen'r, Chairman.

John Hubley,	Henry Keppele,
Joseph Blewer,	Owen Biddle,
Fred. Kuhl,	James Cannon.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Col. Porter thirteen Stand of Arms, taking his receipt.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay John Young, jun'r, £243 15 0, for 65 Muskets & Bayonets.

To pay Richard Dennis £31 5 0, for 50 Barrels of Tar, d'd Capt. Hazelwood for the use of the Fire Rafts.

To pay Capt. Jos. Blewer £2 0 0, for 800 flints, d'd Mr. Towers.

To pay Valentine Vanholt £9 2 3, for victualling Militia on their March to this City, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Abraham Hargis be appointed a Lieutenant in the Rifle Regiment Commanded by Colonel Samuel Miles, and that John Morton, Esq'r, do Commission him accordingly, to bear date the 6th July last.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Hugh Lloyd £185 19 8, of which £177 6 0 to be charged to Col. Lloyd, being for Arms, Blanket, &ca., & £8 13 8, being for milage, &ca., for 142 Men of His Battalion.

To pay Rob't McCulloch £5 10 0, for a Riffle bo't for the use of Capt. Morrison's Company, Col. Porter's Battalion, to be charged to the Col.

To pay for milage 5 men of Capt. Boyd's Company, Col. Porter's Battalion, 76 Miles, at 1d each £1 11 8, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Samuel Mifflin, Esq'r, be appointed Commodor & Commander-in-chief of all the Naval Armaments of this State, and that the president be requested to send him his Commission, with orders to repair to his Command.

Resolved, That Mr. Owen Biddle be authorized to import from St. Eustatia, such necessaries for cloathing and equipping the Troops employ'd in the service of this State, as may be wanted for that purpose, on account of this State.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Mathew Hand, £50, towards Bounty Money for a Company now raising by him for the Flying Camp, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Col. Smith 90 Stand of Arms for the use of his Battallion, taking his receipt.

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Mr. Towers was directed to pay Capt. Jos. Blewer £2 10 0, for a Fuzee deliver'd to Mr. Towers.

The Council Adjourned to 2 o'Clock in the afternoon, when the following Members Met:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. President.

Owen Biddle,	Sam'l Morris, sen'r.
Fred. Kuhl,	Joseph Blewer,
John Moore,	George Gray.
Henry Kepele,	

discharge Gillmore, &ca.

In Council of Safety, September 3d, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Owen Biddle,
Sam'l Morris,	Jos. Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	Henry Kepele,
John Moore,	George Gray.

Mr. Nesbitt, was directed to pay Col. Peter Grub £95 0 0, for Cartouch Boxes, bo't by him for the use of his Battalion, to be Charged to the Col., & £19 0 0, for 40 Cartridge Boxes.

to pay Philip Wert £135 0 0, for 90 days' shallop Hire, & Martin Wert £55 10 0, for 37 days do., they being employed in the service of this State.

to pay Andrew Work £4 15 6, for Blankets Purchased by Capt. John Eackman, of Col. Porter's Battalion, to be charged to the Col.

to pay Jacob Frits £3 6 0, for two Guns, to be charged to Col. Hill.

to pay Peter Knight & George Graham, for providing the families of Associators of 4th Battalion, £7 17 6.

to pay Capt. Jos. Falconer, for Expences Mounting Guard at Magazine, State House, &ca., £16 16 3.
to pay Capt. Knox £18 3 0, for the same purpose.
} Charge Congress.

to pay Col. Peter Grub, for arms taken from non-associators and distributed to his Battalion, £402 0 1, to be charged to Col. Grub.

to pay Capt. Lauer 104 Meals, @ 9d., £3 18 0, Col. Potts' Battalion, to be Charged to Congress.

to pay Capt. Wolere Meng £3 0 0, for a Drum & Drum head for his Company of Col. Matlack's Battalion.

to pay Col. Peter Grub £6 3 6, for 13 Cartridge Boxes for the Use of his Battalion.

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Messrs. Mease & Caldwell were requested to pay Capt. McMullen's Company for their attandance as City Guards, agreeable to the Muster Master's return.

In Council of Safety, Septem'r 4th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, vice President.

Sam'l Morris,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Hubley,	James Cannon,
Jos. Blewer,	Owen Biddle.
George Gray,	

Jno M: Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, was directed to pay Col. Rob't McPherson, £6 14 0, 3 4 0, } for Diet, of Part of his Battalion, on their march towards New Jersey.

to pay £16 15 6 to Jehosaphat Polk, for Cartouch Boxes, &ca., to be charged to Col. Porter, being for Capt. John Patton's Company of his Battalion.

To pay Esther Burke for 2 Weeks' nursing of one of Col. Miles' Battalion, £1 2 0.

Resolved, That the remainder of the Militia under the Command of Col. James Wilson, of Cumberland County, that have not marched to New Jersey, be ordered to remain in said County for the defence of the Frontiers thereof, untill further orders from this Board.

In Council, Sept'r 5th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	James Cannon,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Jos. Blewer,
Owen Biddle,	John Weitzel,
Henry Keppele,	John Hubley.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Robbins £25 11 10, for repairing armed Boat Warren.

Mr. Towers to deliver Messrs. Dehaven, & co., 200 lb. Brass, Mr. Nesbitt to pay Messrs. Dehaven & co., £500, charged to them.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Jno. Mitchel, Esq'r, for £1500, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Shibley £12 15 3 for diet.

Pay Capt. Lowers, 1 16 9, for ditto, of Col. Tho's Potts' Battalion, to be charged to Congress.

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To pay Tobias Rudolph £0 18 0 for Horse Hire, going after Thomas, to be charged to Congress.

To pay James & Drinker £132 12 3, for sash weights delivered Thomas Nevell.

To pay Capt. John Eackman for Dinners for 16 men, 12s, to be charged to Congress, & 27s for repairing arms.

To pay Jacob Garrigues for £4 17 8½, for nursing a Sergeant of Capt. Grub's Company, Col. Miles' Battalion.

To pay Andrew Work 13s 4, for Expences for Providing necessaries for Capt. Eckman's Company.

Mr. Towers was directed to Deliver Capt. Jack Twenty stand of arms for the use of his Company, of Col. Allison's Battalion.

In Council of Safety, Sept'r 6, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	James Cannon,
Jos. Blewer,	John Moore,
John Weitzel,	Benj'n Bartholomew,
Henry Keppele,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
John Hubley,	George Gray.

Jno. M. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jno. Moore, Esq'r, Two Hundred and fifty pounds, to be by him delivered to the Committee of Inspection & Observation for Westmoreland County, for the purpose of paying off the Troops in that County, raised for the defence of the Frontiers of s'd County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn on this Board by Col. Jos. Kirkbride, in favour of Ebenezer Lundy, for £200, for the Purpose of Purchasing Tents, for the use of his Battalion of Bucks County.

To pay Andrew Park 11s for expences in Providing Provisions for Capt. John Tweed's Company, of Col. Porter's Battalion, to be charged to Congress.

To pay Jos. Gresswold for Porterage of Powder & Lead, Imported ℔ Capt. Bell, £13 5 6.

Resolved, That the Gunsmiths employed in making arms for this State, be allowed four pounds & Ten shillings for every good Musket with a Bayonet.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., 150lb of Copper, for the use of the Lock Factory.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay diet for 5 Companies of Col. Potts' Battalion, vizt: Capt. Pretzman, £7 17 6; Capt. Deninger, £5 16 3; Capt. Bishop, £7 19 0; Capt. Potts, £9 4 6, & Capt. Richards £7 13 0, to be charged to Congress.

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To pay Martin Holman for 84 meals for Capt. Joshua Evans' Comp'y, of 8th Battalion, Lancaster County, £3 3 0; for 410 meals for Capt. Wm. Parey's Company, £15 7 6; for 321 meals for Capt. John Jones, £12 0 9, to be charged to Congress.

To pay Capt. Henry Weaver, £11 2 9, for diet of his Company, Col. Grub's Battalion, charge to Congress.

To pay Sam'l Rain for Boarding a Sick man belonging to Capt. Farmer's Comp'y, Col. Miles's Battalion, £1 7 9.

To pay John Britton £26 14 11½, for Boards & Scantling for Centry Boxes & Guard Houses for Continental service, to be charged to Congress; & £19 4 10, for Boards & Scantling for the use of Magazine at State House.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Shively for dieting three Companies of Col. Peter Grub's Battalion, viz:

Capt. Isaac Adams, £13 10 0; Capt. Henry Weaver, £7 4 0, & Capt. D. Morgan, £17 6 6, to be charged to Congress.

To pay Robert Towers, £37 16 3, for making Cartridges, Salt-Petre, &ca.

Two orders were drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favor of Walters & Bedwell, one for £30, the other £40 0 0, makes £70, towards their acc't for refining Sulphur.

To pay Lewis Guion £5 0 0, for a Riffle delivered to Col. Matlack, to be charged to Col. Matlack.

To pay John Davison £13 6 0 for 28 Cartouch Boxes, for Capt. Culberson's Company, to be charged to Col. Jos. Armstrong, & £2 17 0, for 6 Cartouch Boxes for Capt. McCune, to be charged to Col. Clark.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Ludwig Karcher £636 9 6, being the Balance of his account for Victualling the Troops in the pay of this State, ℔ account certified by Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Hilligas & Mr. Gray, a Committee appointed to settle said Kercher's account.

A Commission was filled up for Sam'l Mifflin, Esq'r, Commodore of the Fleet in the service of this State, dated the 2nd Instant, & a Letter wrote to him to return from Amboy, (where he now is,) & take the Fleet immediately under his care and direction.

A Letter was also wrote to General Mercer, requesting he will permit Commodore Mifflin to return home for that Purpose.

A Petition was read from Wm. Whitpain, a Midshipman on board the Ship Mongomery, praying that he may be discharged, as he expects to go into the Continental service; after consideration of said Petition, it was

Resolved, That said Wm. Whitpain be discharged from the service of this state.

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In Council of Safety, September 9th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Timothy Matlack,	James Cannon,
John Weitzel,	Fred. Kuhl,
Jos. Blewer,	Geo. Gray.

Rob't Towers was directed to deliver to Capt. Goudy of Col. James Wilson's Battalion, 6 Muskets, taking his receipt.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Tyler & Co., for repairing arms £8 3 0.

To pay Joseph Webb for Stocking Guns, &ca., £6 19 6; to pay Doct'r James Dunlap £16 13 6, for Medicines, &ca., for the use of the Fleet.

Mr. Towers to deliver Capt. Jack 4 Stands of Arms for Col. Allison Battalion, Cumberland County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Mears £6 2 6, for Arms, &ca. delivered to Col. Henry Haller, to be charged to the Col.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. John Tweed £14 0 0, for two Riffles, to be charged to Col.

Jos. Ferree, Esq'r., of Germantown, was directed to deliver Doct'r Harris One Tun of Salt Petre & 500 lbs. of sulphur, out of the stores under his direction.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jonathan Butcher £3 0 0, for Blankets bo't for Col. Kirkbride's Battalion of Bucks County, to be charged to the Col.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Stadleman £135 13 3, for dieting sundry Troops on their March to Camp, to be charged to Congress.

An order was given for Rob't Jewell, Esq'r, was authorized & Required to receive the Bodies of Messrs. James Forrest, Thomas Byrn & Shanks into his Custody, they being Prisoners of War, Taken by Capt. Isaiah Robinson of the Armed Sloop Sachem.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Lieut. Col. Peter Heydrick of Col. Green's Battalion of Lancaster County 60 Stand of Arms.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Ab'm Hasselberg	£7	5	10
to pay Schlosser & Frank	2	18	0
to pay do.	4	2	0
to pay Benj'n Town	1	11	4

being for sundries for the use of the Artillery Companies.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James McBright £2 10 0, for a Smooth Rifle, to be charged to Col. Green.

To pay Alex'r Kidd £6 2 6, for a Rifle, to be charged to Col. Green.

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To pay do.————1 5 0, for a Blanket, to be charged to do.

To pay Valentine Weaver £6 14 3, for dieting Capt. Dehuff & Marshall Companies.

To pay John Davis 30 s.

To pay to Michael Zigler £33 16 6, for 42 Blankets & Coverleds, to be charged to Col. Tho's Potts.

To pay Thomas Curge for Repairing arms belonging to Capt. Gurney's Company, 16s. 9.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Davison, late Commodore of the Fleet, his wages to this day.

In Council of Safety, Septem'r 10th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse, Timothy Matlack.
Fred. Kuhl,

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Mr. Isaac Levan £50 0 0, on Acco't of the Committee of Berks County, for supplying the Families of poor Associators who are now in Actual service, with necessaries, to be charged to said Committee.

The Committee of Inspection and Observation of Reading, in Berks County, having represented to the Board the necessity of keeping a Guard in that Town,

Resolved, That the Committee of Reading be empowered to appoint a small Guard in that town so long as the Prisoners of War shall reside there, and this board will take proper Measures to defrey the expence attending it.

In Council of Safety, Septem'r 11th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Jos. Blewer, Henry Kippele, jun'r,
Fred. Kuhl, John Weitzel,
James Cannon, Geo. Gray.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following acco't:

Benj'n Wallace, for 74 Rations, Capt. James McConoul Com'y, £2 15 6.

do. 44 meals, Capt. Wm. Ashton, Col. Dill's Batt'n, York County, charge to Congress, £1 13 6.

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do. 66 do. Capt. Wm. Huston, 2 Batt'n, Cumberland C'o, £2 9 6, Charge Congress.

do. 44 do. Capt. James Chamberlin, 5 Batt'n, York Co'y, £1 13 6, Charge Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following acco'ts:

Richard Jacobs, for Dieting Militia on their March towards this City, in order to Join the Troops at Camp New Jersey £66 0 10, to be charged to Congress.

Capt. Patrick Jack, for Diet to this City, Col. Allison's Batt'n, Cumberland County, £32 2 0, Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Mr. John Cox, for £1000, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. John Tweed for 24 Stand of Arms taken from non-associators, £89 0 0, to be Charged to Col. Porter, of Lancaster County; to pay Capt. Jos. Miller, for a Riffle, £5 0 0, to be charged to Col. Porter.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Ebenezer Lundy £180, for Balance of his acco't for 40 Tents, for Col. Kirkbride's Battalion.

Ebenezer Lundy £137 10 0, for Cartouch Boxes & Bayonet Belts delivered Mr. Towers.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. John Weitzel, for £300, towards Arms making in Northumberland County, to be charged to the Commissioners.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mary Miller, for Diet of Militia, £56 12 0, to be charged to Congress.

Michael Stadleman £35 4 3, for diet Militia, to be charged to Congress.

Valentine Vanhall, for diet Militia, £8 5 0, to be charged to Congress.

Jno. Kling, for a Riffle d'd to Capt. Jno. Douglass, £3 10 0, to be charged in Col. Matlack.

Jer. Baker, for wood delivered at Barracks, £50 19 2, to be charged to Congress.

Col. Timothy Green of Lancaster County, £405 3 6 for arms, Blankets, &ca., to be charged to his acco't.

An order of Col. Wm. Montgomery for £6 7 0, for 2 Guns, 2 Bayonets, & 1 Cartouch Box, to be charged to Col. Montgomery.

Wm. Sutton gave his Parole not to go more than 7 Miles from this City.

Commission granted for Sloop Jupiter, Privateer, Fran's, Illingsworth, Comm'r, 80 Tons, 95 men, 14 carriage Guns, own'd by Nicholas Low, & co.

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In Council of Safety, September 12th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice-President.

Timothy Matlack,	Frederick Kuhl,
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	Henry Keppele,
Joseph Blewer,	James Cannon.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Tho's Moss £4 10 0, for Nursing a sick Man of Major Proctor's Comp'y of Artillery.

The Minutes of a part of the Council, Sept'r 10, was read to the Board, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said Proceedings be confirmed.

Resolved, That on Saturday next the Council will take the Naval armaments of this State & the Guard for this City, into their consideration, and the Secretary is order'd to summons the members to meet on that day precisely at 8 o'Clock, A. M.

In Council of Safety, September 13th, 1776

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Joseph Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	Timothy Matlack,
James Canon,	Geo. Gray.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay David Dominick for painting Amunition Carts, &ca., £5 6 0.

Capt. Robert Hardie, £4 10 0 for Bounty, 3 men.

Resolved, That Proper persons be immediately employed in each County of this State to purchase up all the Blankets, Coarse Linens, Woolen Cloths, Mittens, & Stockings, which can be had, for the use of our Troops.

As the Associators of the State of Pennsylvania who have been call'd in service are now returning; therefore,

Resolved, That this Board do apply to Congress praying that Directions may be given for paying in this City their wages & Milage, and request that Congress will explain whether it is intended by their Resolve respecting milage, that the Officers should have as many pence ⅌ mile as they are allowed rations by resolve of Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jno. Reed £11 12 6, for dieting 4 Companies of Militia, to be charged to Congress.

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Capt. Jno. McDowell for Bayonet Belt, &ca., 17s 6, to be charged to Col. Wm. Montgomery.

Capt. Jno. McDowell, for Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts, repairing Drum & arms, &ca., £3 2 0, to be charged to Col. Wm. Montgomery.

Arch'd Thompson £4 7 9, for dieting Capt. Adams' & Capt. Morgan's Companys of Col. Peter Grub's Battalion, to be charged to Congress.

Permission was given Christopher McClure, Tho's Gaskil, Isaac Tublin, & Benja. Cliffton, Blacksmiths, on board our fleet, to come to this City to work on Anchors, making by De Offley, for the Continental Frigates, if they are not already employed in the Service of this State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Tho's Miles 14s for Rifleing one Gun for Capt. Patrick Jack, to be charged to Col. Jno. Allison, Cumberland County; & £2 2 0 for Riffleing 3 Guns for Capt. John Tweed's Comp'y of Col. Porter's Battalion.

James Gillingham, for 98 Splinters, delivered Doct'r Duffield, £2 9 0.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers £59 2 6, for Wages of Workmen at State House, making Cartridges, &ca.

James Porter £1 9 3, for dieting 39 meals of Capt. John Boyd's Comp'y, Col. Tho's Porter's Battalion.

James Porter £2 8 0, diet 64 men, Capt. Reed Comp'y, Col. Smith, York County.

Do. £2 8 9, do. 65 men, Capt. Wm. Ross, Col. Tho's Porter.

Jos. Ogden, for Ferriage of Militia £36 17 3, to be charged to Congress.

In Council of Safety, September 14th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	John Moore,
Timothy Matlack,	John Weitzel,
Jos. Blewer,	Geo. Gray,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	James Cannon.
Frederick Kuhl,	

Four New Members added to the Board by convention, vizt: John Bayard, John Cox, Francis Gurney, & Sam'l C. Morris, ye 11th.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Arthur Thomas 5 Weeks' Boarding In the State Prison, £5 0 0, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. Peter Dehaven & co., for £500, to be charged to their Acco't, being on acco't of Lock Factory.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Parkison £8 5 0, for 220 meals, Capt. Lewis Williams' Comp'y, Col. Matthew Dill's Battalion.

Mr. Francis Gurney appeared, took & Subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Charles Barnet £20 6 0, for Drums, Arms, &ca., to be charged to Col. Dill & Col. Donaldson.

Resolved, That Capt. Blewer & Mr. Gurney be Empowered to contract with some person or persons to fill up & Compleat the Peers sunk in the Chanel of the River Delaware, near fort Island, and fix the Chain for stoping the Navigation upon an Immergency.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major Jno. Rogers for Arms Purchased for the use of Col. Timothy Green's Battalion of Lancaster County, £45 17 0, to be charged to the Col.

Mr. Capt. Steel £82 12 6, for Milage of his Company to & from this City, to be charged to Congress; Col. Rob't Callender's Battalion of Cumberland Co.

Adjourned to ½ past 3 o'Clock, when the following Members Met.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Timothy Matlack, George Gray,
Joseph Blewer, Francis Gurney.

In Council of Safety, September 16th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President,

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President,

George Gray, Francis Gurney,
Frederick Kuhl, John Bull,
John Moore, James Cannon,
Timothy Matlack, Sam'l Morris, Sen'r.
Joseph Blewer,

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Benjamin Hall £33 15 9½, for Bolts & Spikes for the Piers.

A Letter was wrote to Commodore Sam'l Mifflin, requesting his speedy return to this City, to take the Naval Armaments under his care.

John Bayard & Sam'l Cad. Morris appeared & took & Subscribed the Qualifications directed by Convention.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Galbreath £1 0 9, for repairing Arms belonging to his Battalion.

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To pay Conrad Snyder for Milage 16 Men 240 Miles, £17 12 6, on their return from Camp, to be charged to Congress.

The Accounts of Milage for the Militia of this State having so constantly employed the time of this Board, that the military affairs of this State have suffered exceedingly thereby; Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Accounts be hereafter referred to the continental Treasury Office.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to Capt. Daniel Joy, 500 lb Powder, for proving Cannon.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Widow M'Eury £4 15 0, for a Riffle d'd Capt. Jno. Douglass, to be charged to Col. Matlack.

Resolved, That a House be taken for a Hospital, And that a Matron be Hired to nurse Sick Soldiers of this State.

Resolved, That Doct'r Gerardus Clarkson be appointed to attend the Sick in the said Hospital.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Valentine Vanholt £1 19 0, for diet 52 Men, Capt. John Bogs, 1st Batt'n, Cumberland Co.

Mr. Towers deliver Capt. Lewis Williams, of Col. Dill's Battalion, 32 Stand of Arms.

An order was drawn on The Marine Committee, for what Arms are due from Congress to this State, to deliver Mr. Towers.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Major Thos. Proctor 113 Stand of Arms.

Col. Timothy Matlack was directed (P. order) to deliver Robert Morris, Esq'r, Chairman of the Secret Committee, Thirty-five thousand Flints, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Peter Brown was order'd to procure what Iron he may want for the service of this State.

Resolved, That Mr. Wharton & Mr. Bayard be directed to engage and send off as soon as possible, three fast sailing sloops or schooners, to bring in such articles of Cloathing, Blankets, & other necessaries, as are wanted for the use of the Troops belonging to this State.

Resolved, That Mr. Nesbitt be directed to appoint some proper person to pay the Battalions belonging to this State, in the Continental service, in Quality of regimental paymaster, and dispatch him Immediately to the Camp.

Resolved, That application be made to the Board of War, to know whether the Council may proceed Immediately to erect the Fortification at Billingsport, agreeable to such plan as the Council may think best, the Inhabitants of this State being very uneasy on account of the delay in this Matter; And that Mr. Rittenhouse & Col. Bayard do waite on the Board of War with said Resolve.

Resolved, That application be made to the Members of Convention for the several Counties, and request them to recommend proper persons in their respective Counties, to be employed by this Council to purchase Blankets, Coarse Woolens, Linens & Stockings, for the use of the Troops belonging to this State.

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Resolved, That application be made to the Board of War to employ the Marines now in this City, as Guards over the Frigates, Prison, and Powder belonging to the Continent, &ca.

In Council of Safety, September 17th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

John Bayard,	Timothy Matlack,
Francis Gurney,	John Bull,
Fred. Kuhl,	David Rittenhouse,
John Hubley,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
George Gray,	Owen Biddle.
Sam'l C. Morris,	

Mr. Kuhl was requested to deliver to Mr. Jacob Shoemaker the Money found in George Crow's Chest.

Alex'r Morris discharged on his Parole.

Rich'd Wallace, Samuel Walston & Levi Horner, Prisoners taken on board the Sloop Lady Susan, commanded by Wm. Goodrich, were discharged & permitted to go to their Families In Maryland.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Rachael White £2 8 0, for 4 weeks Board of Jorance Doran, a wounded Man of Col. McPherson's Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jonathan Meredith £101 9 0, for Catouch Boxes, &ca.

Resolved, That the Wages due to the Men in the service of this State, be not stoped by their Officers on any pretence, unless with the consent of the men, or by special orders from this Board.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favour of Jacob S. Howell, for £100, on acco't of Intrenching tools, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Hermanus Oner 17s 6, for Medecines for a sick soldier.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Nathan Boyce £19 10 5, for expences bringing Deserters from Egg harbour.

An order was drawn on Mr. Joseph Ferree, of Germantown, one Ton of Salt Petre, in fav'r of Tho's Humberger.

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In Council of Safety, September 18th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	James Cannon,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Moore,
Timothy Matlack,	John Bayard,
Francis Gurney,	Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l Cad. Morris,	Joseph Blewer,
John Hubley,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	John Bull.
Geo. Gray,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Timothy Matlack, for Three Hundred pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Dennis £37 1 0, for Bayonet scabbards & Belts, to be charged to Col. Henry Hill.

Joseph Ferree, Esq'r, was directed to deliver Doct'r Harris One Ton of Salt Petre, out of the stores at Germantown under his care.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Towers £59 15 0, for Salt Peter bo't, making Cartridges, &ca.

Resolved, That Col. Bayard & Col. Matlack be appointed to employ Proper persons to make a number of Gun Carriages for the Service of this State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Reed £25 1 0, for Blankets & Coverlids, to be charged to Col. Tho's Potts.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Arthur Donaldson, for £300, on acco't of the floating Battery building by him, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Rob't Towers, was directed to deliver Mr. Gustavus Resberg 150,000 musket Cartridges, to be forwarded to Camp in New Jersey, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Roberts £81 10 0½, for Building Guard Houses, &ca, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Perkins £3 18 1, for Blacksmith Work, done on board the Gallies.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treas'r, in favour of Mr. Owen Biddle, for £1000, on acco't of Goods to be Imported for the use of the Troops of this State, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Burke for nursing sick soldiers, &ca, £7 2 0.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in fav'r of Mr. Wm. Rush, for £250, On acco't of Blacksmith work done by him, to be charged to his acco't.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Stacey, for £12 10 0, for 10 Cords of Wood delivered at fort Island, for the service of the Garrison there.

Resolved, That Mr. Isaac Cox be appointed Regimental Paymaster for the Troops belonging to this state now in the Continental service, & that application be made to the Board of War for a Commission for Mr. Cox.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Michael Raup £3 12 0, for a Riffle, bo't by Lieut. Col. Broadhead.

Resolved, That Major Thomas Proctor be empowered to enlist any associator of this state, provided He is not already engaged in the Flying Camp, or a servant or apprentice.

In Council of Safety, September 19th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Moore,	John Bull,
Joseph Blewer,	Timothy Matlack,
James Cannon,	John Hubley,
Sam'l Cad. Morris,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Owen Biddle,	George Gray.
John Bayard,	

The Vice President being under a necessity to attend the Convention, Col. Bayard was requested to take the Chair.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt for £400, in fav'r of Ross & Ega, on acco't of Cannon Shott cast by them for this State, to be charged to their Account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Stiller, & co., £10 0 0, on acco't of work done, to be charged to Tho's Nevill Acco't.

Resolved, That Capt. Daniel Joy be desired to examine & Prove a number of Cannon at Mr. Philips' Rope walk, & report to this board whether they are fit for service.

Mr. Owen Biddle reports that he has sent the following Articles to Col. Broadhead for the use of the Pennsylvania Troops, viz't:

189 pair Breeches.
288 pair yarn Stockings.
158 pair Driling spatterdashes.
59 Jackets.
187 pair Shoes.
93 Blankets.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Knox £19 4 1½, for Rum supplied Workmen on board the Galleys Congress & Franklin.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Messrs. Moulder & Coats £161 19 5, being the Balance of their Account for building a Magazine, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Clawges & Wm. Ritter £13 18 5, for repairing Arms at Camp, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. John Coburn be directed to appear before the Board to-morrow morning at 10 O'Clock, to render an Account of all the necessarys he has had in his care for Sinking the Chevaux De Frize & the piers at Fort Island, and also to settle his Account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Marshall's Acco't, £5 10, for a Musket.

James Welsh a month Wages, he being sick and in town, £2 10 0.

Peter Kline for a Gun, &ca., £4 0 0, delivered to Mr. W. Scull, A. D. Q. M. G., at the Flying Camp.

Mr. Michael Conner exhibited a Complaint against Jacob Peterman, John Slice, & Roreman, of New Providence Township, who, with several others, had assaulted and threatned him so as to put him in fear of his Life & Property; whereupon the secretary was ordered to Issue summonses to be served on the said Peterman, Slice & Roreman, to be and appear before the board on tuesday Morning next at Ten o'Clock, to answer the Complaint of said Michael Conner, and to give directions to the Constable to serve them.

Resolved, That Colonel Bayard, Capt. Gurney, Mr. Sam'l Cad'r Morris, & Mr. Owen Biddle, be a Committee to inspect into the State of the Artillery Stores, Arms, Accoutrements, and Amunition belonging to this State, and Report to this Board the situation of the same, and what further supplies of each are necessary to be made; and Mr. Robert Towers is required to give them assistance in performing this Business.

Resolved, That James Maul be appointed a Pilot to carry Vessels thro' the Chevaux De Frise, in the room of Daniel Gordon, Deceased.

The Council then adjourned to 7 o'Clock, P. M., when the following Members met:

John Bayard,	James Cannon,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	John Bull,
Timothy Matlack,	Francis Gurney,
Fred. Kuhl,	Sam'l Cad. Morris.
John Moore,	

A Commission was fill'd up for Mr. Isaac Cox.

Resolved, That Indented servants & apprentices ought not to be inlisted for the Flying Camp of this State, without Consent of their Masters & Mistresses in writing, and that all such who have been

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inlisted heretofore, shall be discharged on the application of their Masters & Mistresses for that Purpose.

In Council of Safety, Sept'r 20th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

JOHN BAYARD, Chairman.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bull,	Francis Gurney,
John Moore,	Sam'l Cad. Morris,
Timothy Matlack,	Geo. Gray,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Hubley.

Resolved, That the Lock Makers in this state shall be allowed 25s. for every Good Gun Lock they deliver at our Lock Factory.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Doct'r Robert Harris for £100, towards manufacturing Powder, to be charged to his account.

Resolved, That Major Nicola be directed to aply to Mr. Nicholas Hicks to Provide Brecks, & lay Gutters & Gravel between the Wall & the Gutters In the Barracks near this City.

Resolved, That John Moore, Edward Cook, James Barr, James Smith, John McClelen, John Carmichael, James Perry, & Cristopher Lavingair, Members of Convention for Westmoreland County, be empowered to purchase four Hundred Stand of Arms for the defence of said County, and that half a Ton of Riffle Powder & one Ton of Lead, be Immediately sent to said County for the use of the Militia, and that they draw on this board for the Cost of the Arms & Carriage of the Amunition.

Samuel Mifflin, Esq'r, declined serving as Commodore & Com'r-in-Chief of the Fleet of this State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Conrod Ciets, &ca. for 4 arms delivered to Mr. Rob't Towers.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Thomas Humberger £60 0 0, towards Powder Manufactured by him, to be charged to his account.

An order was drawn on Joseph Ferree, Esq'r, at Germantown, in fav'r of Thos. Humberger, for One Ton of Salt Petre out of the Store at Germantown.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Mr. Jno. Philips, for One Hundred & forty pounds, for 4 Cannon, 12 pound'r.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Jos. Blewer 50s. for scraping the Galley Convention, & 20s. for Flints delivered to Mr. Towers.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Corgee £3 0 0, for Handspikes for Artillery.

The board adjourned to 2 o'Clock; when the following members met, vizt:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

John Bull,	Fred. Kuhl,
Joseph Blewer,	Saml. C. Morris,
Francis Gurney,	John Weitzel,
Timothy Matlack,	Geo. Gray.
John Bayard,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Edward Bartholemew £1646 9 8, being the Balance due him for Cartouch Boxes, Haversacks, Knapsacks, &ca., bought by him for the use of the Militia of Philad'a County.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Col. Wm. Clark of Cumberland County six stand of Arms for the use of his Batt'n, taking his receipt.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. John Hay £26 18 2 for 58 days Wages a 8s ℔ deim, & 10d ℔ mile for 59 miles, being for service in Convention.

In Council of Safety, Septem'r 21st, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	John Bull,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	Timothy Matlack,
James Cannon,	John Weitzel,
Francis Gurney,	Joseph Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Hubley.
George Gray,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Wm. Richards, for £500, to be charged to his acco't.

Order'd, That Capt. John Rice be directed to raise men for the Armed Boat call'd the Convention, with all expedition.

Resolved, That Capt. Wm. Brown be appointed Commander of the Floating Battery now Building by Mr. Arthur Donaldson.

Ordered, That Capt. Wm. Brown do raise men for the Floating Battery now building by Mr. Arthur Donaldson.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Raine £1 10 0, for 2 weeks board of B. Broxon.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mordecai McKinney & Wm. Macklay £24 3 0, for expences attending the Carriage of Powder & Lead, &ca, to Northumberland County.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Elmslie £9 0 0, for 4 Cartriges Boxes, for 6 & 4 Pounder Cannon delivered James Craig, & co., Comm'rs, in lieu of the like number Borrowed out of Continental Store, sent to Camp, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Sam'l Smith £32 10, for 520lb Match Rope delivered Mr. Towers.

In Council of Safety, Sept. 23rd, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Francis Guerney,
John Hubley,	Sam'l Cad. Morris,
John Moore,	Joseph Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Bayard,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	James Cannon,
Owen Biddle,	John Bull.
Geo. Gray,	

Resolved, That Capt. Blewer, Capt. Gurney, Mr. Sam'l Cad. Morris, be appointed to form a regular Muster Role for the Navy of this State, & produce the same to this Board.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Michael Boyer £18 2 6, for riding 290, to give notice to the Officers of the Associators to meet at Lancaster to Choose General Officers.

To pay Ebenezer Lunday £137 10 0, for 200 Cartouch Boxes & 200 Bayonet Belts delivered to Mr. Towers.

An order was drawn on Mr. Robert Towers in favor of Messrs John Moore, John McClelen, John Carmichael, James Perry, Christopher Lavingair, Edward Cook, James Barr, & James Smith, Members of Convention for Westmoreland County, for half a Ton of Riffle Powder, & One Ton of Lead, for the defence of said County, agreeable to a Resolve of the 20th Instant.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Jno. Hazlewood fifty Pounds on acco't of the Fire Rafts, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. Thos. Davis, £250, on acco't of Peers Built by him, to be sunk in the River Delaware, near Fort Island, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for £500, on acco't of the Gun Lock Factory.

Owen Biddle, Esq'r, reports that he received from Col. Matthias Slough, for the Use of the Troops belonging to the State, Viz't:

250 Men's Shirts.
153 Black Velvet Stocks, with Brass Buckles.
118 Brass Stock Buckles.
237 pair men's Shoes.

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55 Rigamental Coats & Waistcoats, & 6 Linen Waistcoats.
40 pair Buckskin Breeches, 76 pair do.
138 Knapsacks.
5 Bound Hatts.
45 Powder Horn Straps, & 3 Shott Pouches.
10½ doz. men's mill'd Stockings; & forwarded to Col. Broadhead, at Head Quarters.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Williams & Clinton, one Hundred Pounds on acco't of the Armed Boat Delaware, building by them, to be charged to their acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Robins, Dun & Hails, £60, on acco't of the Armed Boat Convention, Built by them, to be charged to their acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt pay Philip Verntz £1 4 9, for Cleaning 2 p's of Cannon sent to Amboy some time since, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That the Officers recruiting for the Naval Armament of this State, be allowed 20s ℔ Man in lieu of all Expences for Enlisting, & that each man be allowed One Month's pay advance at their enlistment, to be continued in service untill discharged by this or a future Council of Safety.

Mr. Towers to deliver to Gustavus Resberg A. D. Q. M. G. for the use of the Flying Camp, One Hundred Pitching Axes, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Collinson Read, Esq'r, for One Hundred Pounds, to be by him put into the Hands of the Persons appointed by the Committee of Berks County, in order to supply the Families of Poor Associators who are now in actual service.

Resolved, That Hamilton Hazleton be discharged from the Ship Montgomery, provided he enters into an engagement with Messrs. Dehaven & Co., to work at the Gun Lock Factory of this State, under their direction, untill discharged By this Board or some future Council of Safety.

The Board adjourned to 3 o'Clock, P. M., when the following Members met:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

John Bayard,	Francis Gurney,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
John Bull,	Joseph Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	James Cannon,
Timothy Matlack,	Sam'l Cad'r Morris,
John Moore,	George Gray.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Col. John Lawrence Sixty Stand of Arms, taking his receipt, to be returned in good order when demanded by this Board.

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In Council of Safety, September 24th, 1776.

PRESENT.

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

John Hubley,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
John Bayard,	John Moore,
Francis Gurney,	Sam'l Cad. Morris,
Joseph Blewer,	Fred. Kuhl,
John Bull,	Timothy Matlack,
David Rittenhouse.	

An order was drawn on Mr. Robert Towers, in favour of Messrs. Jacob Strowd, Neigal Gray, Abraham Miller, Simon Dreisbach, John Ralston, Jacob Arndt, & Peter Brinkhalter, Members of Convention for Northampton County, 300 lb Powder, & 600 lb Lead, for the Use of said County, taking their receipt to be accountable for the same.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Clark & Co. £96 1 1½ for Tow Linen bo't by Mr. Lewis Nicola, for making Bed cases for the Barracks.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Henry Rhoads, a Member of Convention for Bedford County, £33 4 0, for 58 days attendance a 8s. Traveling Expences, 240 Miles a 10 d.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jos. Simons £53 17 6, which, with 72 lb Powder order'd to be delivered him by Mr. Towers, is in full for 287½ lb of Salt Petre, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Joseph Ferree, at Germantown, was directed to deliver Mr. Jacob Lush 1 Ton salt Petre.

An order in fav'r of Mr. Jacob Lush, for £100.

The Council adjourned to three o'Clock afternoon, when the following Members met.

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

John Bayard,	Fredorick Kuhl,
Sam'l Cad'r Morris,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
John Bull,	David Rittenhouse,
Francis Gurney,	James Cannon,
Joseph Blewer,	Timothy Matlack.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. Thomas Neville, for $50, on Acco't of Gun Carriages, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Jos. Stiles, for sundry necessaries for the Artillery Company under his Command, £18 19 10.

Resolved, That George Bryan, Esq'r, Naval Officer of this Port, be directed to give Notice to this Board of all Military Stores imported and entered in his office, as soon as Possible after their arrival.

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Resolved, That Mr. Sam'l Cad. Morris be appointed to assist Col. Bayard in procuring Gun Carriages instead of Col. Matlack, who is going to Camp.

Resolved, That Paul Fooks, Esq'r, Notary Public, & Sworn Interpreter for the French and Spanish Languages, be continued in those Offices, with all the Powers granted him by his former Commission, untill the Form of Government of this State is Established, or untill it shall be altered by Proper Authority.

In Council of Safety, September 25th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Sam'l Morris, sen'r,	John Bayard,
David Rittenhouse,	Jos. Blewer,
Francis Gurney,	Fred. Kuhl,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	Sam'l Cad'r Morris,
John Bull,	Timothy Matlack.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Col. Andrew Kichline, £7 0 0, for 2 Guns, to be charged to the Col.

To pay the Managers of House of Employment, £4 6 9, for Oakum.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Mr. Wm. Will half a Pig or about two Hundred Wt of Block Tin, he paying for the same.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wm. Chambers £2 0 0, for a Gun deliver'd Col. Joseph Armstrong of Cumberland County, to be charged to the Col.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Nicholas Hicks £117 14 2¼, for work done at Billingsport, to be charged to Congress.

George Ross, Esq'r, as Council for William Ross, a Prisoner in the Goal of this City, committed on a charge of his having killed a certain Thomas Ralph, appeared before this board, and for Reasons contained in a written paper presented by him "Moves the Council of Safety to admit the prisoner to Bail." The Board thereupon having taken the opinion of John Dickenson, Esquire, on the Case, and having deliberated upon the arguments offered for and against the motion,

Resolved, unanimously, That bail ought not to be taken in this case.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Baltzer Spangler & others, £9 0 0, for going express to the several Colonels of York County, to order them to collect the Militia in order to march to Camp in New Jersey.

Mr. Nesbitt, to pay Elijah Etting for dieting ten soldiers, Prisoners of war, 7 days, after their arrival at York town, before they were put in Quarters £3 15 0, to be charged to Congress.

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Mr. Nesbitt to pay Robert Stevenson for Ten Guns delivered Capt. Samuel Nelson, £23 19 0, to be charged to Col. Mathew Dill of York County, 5th Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn on this board by James Chapman, Commissioner, & Jno. Vandegrift, Assesor of Bucks County, for three Hundred Pounds, towards arms & accoutrements procuring by them in said County, to be charged to the Commissioners & Assesors.

In Council of Safety, Septem'r 26th, 1776.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

John Bayard,	Timothy Matlack,
John Hubley,	Francis Gurney,
John Bull,	Sam'l Cad. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Jos. Blewer.
James Cannon,	

Resolved, That Col. James Potter be allowed to Contract, on the lowest terms in his Power, for the making of Fifty Rifle Guns for the use of his Battalion, the said Contract to be made good by this Board.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Kirkbride £51 1 0, for arms purchased from non-associators, to be charged to the Col.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wm. Ross for dieting part of Capt. Weitzel's Company, of Col. Miles' Battalion, £6 6 0.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Ezekiel Webb £9 10 3, for diet of part of three Companies Col. Miles's Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Thomas Forrest £17 18 0, for Balance of his aco't for recruiting expences.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benja. Condy £2 5 0, for a spy Glass delivered to Lieut. Christee.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Martin Pendergrass £5 1 6, for work done to the Guard Boats.

The Following Persons were appointed Officers to carry on the Fortifications Intended to be erected at Billingsport, vizt:

Engineer, Capt. Blaitwaite Jones.
Assistant do., Mr. Thomas Hanson.
Superintendant General of Workmen, Col. John Bull.
Assistant ditto, James Dundass.
Clerk to Superintendants, Robert Cather.
Commisary of Utensils, John Moyer, Ditto of Provisions.
Bricklayers, Charles Souder & Edw'd McCaggen.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock.

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Met at 3 o'Clock.

PRESENT:

John Bayard,	Francis Gurney,
Timothy Matlack,	John Moore,
John Bull,	John Hubley,
Sam'l Cad'r Morris,	Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l Morris,	David Rittenhouse.

Resolved, That Thomas Seymour, Esq'r, be appointed Commodore & Commander-in-Chief of all the Naval Armaments in the service of this State.

Resolved, That David McCutcheon be discharged from His Confinement.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Matthias Young £3 15 0, for Painting the Guard Boat Vulture.

Resolved, That the members of this Board, or as many as Conveniently can, go down to Fort Island to-morrow morning to accompany Commodore Seymour to the Fleet; That Instructions be drawn up to deliver the Commodore with his Commission.

The following are the Instructions deliver'd to the Commodore, viz't:

"In Council of Safety, Septem'r 26th, 1776.

"The Council having thought proper to appoint you Commodore & Commander-in-Chief of all the Naval Armaments of this State in the River Delaware, which you are to notify to the Officers of the Fleet by publishing to them your Commission, It becomes necessary to give you some Instructions to regulate your Conduct in some points of this Important Trust.

"And First: You are, by all Possible means, to establish such a proper sense of Subordination in the Fleet, that all the orders you think necessary to Issue be punctually and implicitly obeyed, a loose and relaxed discipline utterly enfeebling every Military Establishment, however respectable it may otherwise be in the Circumstance of number & force.

"Secondly. As it is the duty and Inclination of this Council to Maintain the Fleet in a Constant preperation to receive the enemy, you must Immediately take an exact survey of its present Condition, and whatever may be wanting in its equipments to make report to Capt. Wm. Richards, who is appointed and directed to supply all its deficiencies.

"Thirdly. An attack from the Enemy being highly Probable, tho' the time uncertain, it is necessary that every part of the Fleet should have its proper Station assigned, in such way as to afford Mutual Support, and that the whole may act to the best effect.

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"Fourthly. You must particularly attend not only to the situation of the Fleet, but take great care that the Officers and Men are not absent from their respective Vessels any length of time and at any great distance, but as it is probable that some of the Officers of the Boats may be desirous of coming up to this City, you may give leave of absence to them in such number and for so long a time as the service may admit, so that not more than one-third be absent at any one time or longer than Forty-eight Hours, from their respective Vessels.

"Lastly. Should any accident or Circumstance happen in the Fleet that has the least tendency to effect the service, you are to give the earliest Information of it to the Council of Safety, that they, if they have the Means of Remedy, may apply such as the nature of the Case may require."

These being the Principal Matters that have occured to the Council, they earnestly recommend to you however, that you endeavour to promote the Utmost Harmony between you and the Officers of the Fleet, and between one another, on which depends so much the success of every undertaking where men are to act in concert, and Mutual assistance required.

Resolved, That the Officers of the Fleet belonging to this State be allowed the same pay that the Officers in the Continental Service have, from the first of October next.

In Council of Safety, Septem'r 27th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	John Moore,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Timothy Matlack,
John Bayard,	Sam'l Cad'r Morris,
Fred. Kuhl,	Joseph Blewer,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	Francis Gurney.
John Bull,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major Nicola, for £25 0 0, for sundry necessaries for Barracks, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Towers, £77 2 8½, for 62 days service at 10s to 19th Instant, and for sundry Expences at Magazine, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Rain 15s for a week's Board of one of Col. Miles' Soldiers.

An order was drawn on Joseph Ferree, Esq'r, to deliver Henry Huber One Ton of Salt Petre, & 600 lb Sulpher out of the Stores under his Care at Germantown.

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An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Messrs. Rutter & Potts, for Three Thousand Pounds, ôn acco't of Cannon cast by them for this State, to be charged to their acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doct'r Parke £8 2 6, for attendance on sick soldiers.

Mr. Nesbitt, to pay to Henry Huber Fifty Pounds, towards Powder made by him.

An order Mr. Ferree to deliver Geo. Hubner 500 lb. Sulphur, taking his receipt.

Agreeable to a resolve of Yesterday, a Number of the Council acompanied the Commodore to fort Island, when the V. P. read the Comm'n & Instructions to him, & those officers who chose to continue in the service were desired to apply for new Commissions on tuesday next.

In Council of Safety, September 28th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Sam'l Morris,
John Bayard,	John Moore,
Sam'l Cad. Morris,	Joseph Blewer,
Francis Gurney,	John Weitzel,
Frederick Kuhl,	Timothy Matlack,
George Gray,	Owen Biddle.
John Bull,	

The Honorable Congress having directed this Council to recommend Officers for the Battalions Raised in this State for the Continental Service, and the board being informed that a Paymaster is wanting for the 2nd Battalion, under the Command of Col. Jos. Wood, now at Ticonderago, The Council Do recommend Mr. Benja. Fishburn for Paymaster to said Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay William Deane £1 17 0, for repairing Arms, &ca., belonging to 2nd Battalion of Philad'a County.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieut. Col. William Dean £20 18 9, for Arms taken from non-Associators, to be charged to Col. Robert Lewis.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Richard Thomas £6 16 6, for repairing Arms, &ca., to be charged to this State, & £2 15 0, for nursing sick Soldiers, to be charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. John Weitzel be requested to purchase for this State a Quantity of Blankets, Coarse Cloths, Coarse Linens, & Five Tons of Hemp, and forward to this Board as soon as Possible, and his orders for the same shall be paid.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. John Weitzel (a member in Convention for Northumberland County), for 64 days' attendance in Convention & Milage 140 Miles, £32 8 8.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Robbins £24 5 5, for work done for Armed Boats.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Josiah Wood £30 10 0, for 100 Pikes delivered Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Michael Kuhn, for Going express, £7 10 0, to be charged to Congress, & 11s 9, for Porterage, charged to State.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Elias Botner, for Gunners' Belts, Priming Wiers, &ca., sent to General Mercer, £31 17 0, to be charged to Congress, & £24 0 0, for 30 Budge Barrels delivered to Major Proctor, to be charged to this State.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jos. Bonsall, Plank & Scantling delivered to Benjamin Loxley, £23 15 0, for making Cannon Carriages.

To pay Paine Newman, six Anchors Delivered to Capt. Hazlewood, £16 8 6.

To pay Mary McGennis 40s, to be charged to acc't of her Husband, a soldier in 2nd Battalion of Penn'a Riffle Men.

To pay to Doct'r Wm. Currie, Surgion of the Pennsylvania Musketry, £13 14 3, for his acco't of expences, wages, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt, to pay Thomas Armour for accoutrements, repairing arms, &ca., for Militia of York County, £132 3 9.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Matthias Slough £177 12 6, for arms Purchased by him for the use of his Battalion, to be charged to his acco't; also, £665 4 9½, for Cloathing, &ca., for a Company in the Flying Camp, under the Command of Capt. Jacob Glatz.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Colonels of the City Battalions of Militia to call them out on Monday next, in order to know what number of Men will turn out, each to be employed by this Board on the Fortification at Billingsport, the said Workmen to be allowed 3s ℔ day, and to have provisions found them. The Immediate necessity of this service, the Council have no doubt, will have a proper weight with every person willing to put this City in a proper state of Defence.

Doct'r Wm. Currie informing the Board that his health will not admit of his continuing surgeon of Col. Attlee's Battalion, therefore requests to resign this Employment.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. John Moore, of Westmoreland, for £100, to be applied towards defraying the expences of Two Companies, sometime since raised by the Committee of that County, for the Protections of the frontiers.

Rob't Etherington, a prisoner Confined in the State Prison, was enlarged upon his Parole.

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In Council of Safety, September 30th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

John Bayard,	Joseph Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl,	John Moore,
Francis Gurney,	James Cannon,
Sam'l Cad. Morris,	Timothy Matlack,
Owen Biddle,	Samuel Morris.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Bridges £648 4 6, for 108 Tents left at Camp, in New Jersey.

Mr. Nesbitt, to pay Mr. John Moore £43 12 6, for 9 Riffles bought for the defence of the Frontiers of Westmoreland County, to be charged to Mr. Moore.

An order was drawn on Mr. Robert Towers, in fav'r of Mr. John Moore, for 4000 Flints, for the Service of Westmoreland County, taking his receipt.

Mr. Nesbitt, to pay Geo. Tiddeman £28 10 4, for Plank, &ca., deliver'd Mr. Benja. Loxley, for making Gun Carriages.

Mr. Michael Swoope, who was appointed a Member of this Council for York County, having accepted of a Commisson in the Flying Camp, the Convention, therefore, made choice of Col. Jos. Donaldson instead of Mr. Swope, and Col. Donaldson appearing, took and subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Johnston Elliott £3 15 0, for a Gun delivered Mr. Towers.

Congress having Resolved that they will provide for persons in their service who shall be so disabled as to be incapable of serving on board their fleet or in the Army, & a Certain Nicholas Curry, a seaman late belonging to the Bull-Dog arm'd Boat, belonging to this State, having been by accident disabled from ever performing his duty, the Council do therefore Resolve the said Nicholas Curry be allowed half pay from the time of his discharge untill further provision is made for persons in like situations.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Webber £22 15 0, for 16¼ Cords Wood delivered at Fort Island.

Col. Wm. Clark Deposited a Receipt from Lieut. Col. Henry Slagle, one of the Commissioners appointed by Convention to fix the Flying Camp, for Thirty thousand Dollars, which sum he received from Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, it being for the purpose of paying the bounty ordered by Convention, for the Flying Camp.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour Wm. Clarke, James Potter, & John Morris, Jun'r, for £187 10 0, and charge the same to their Account, it being for the purpose of paying their expences to Ticonderoga.

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Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Wm. Clark £5 0 0, for 10 days' Chair Hire, to carry 30,000 Dollars to Camp.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. Bitner £19 16 4, for Repairing Arms.

Resolved, That John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer of this Board, apply to the President of the Congress for an order in his favour, for 100,000 Dollars, granted by Congress for the use of this State.

Resolved, That Mr. Lewis Nicola be continued in the Office of Barrack Master, untill further orders.

In Council of Safety, October 1st, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Frederick Kuhl,
John Bayard,	Samuel Morris, Sen'r,
James Cannon,	John Hubley,
Henry Keppele,	Joseph Blewer,
S. Cad. Morris,	Geo. Gray,
Francis Gurney,	Owen Biddle,
Joseph Donaldson,	Col. Matlack.
John Bull,	

Drawn an order on the Treasurer, in favour of Edward Bartholomew, for twenty-one Pounds, by way of Commissions for laying out £2100 in the service of the Militia.

£21 0 0.

An Account of seventy-two Breakfasts, for Cap. Rich'd Brown's Company, of the three Bat. of State Troops, at 9d., given by Jonathan Valentine, £2 14, passed in Council.

£2 14 0.

Two accounts for nails bought of Adam Zantzinger, one of June 24th, amounting to £13 16s., & another of August 28th, amounting to £9 13 10, passed in Council, these acc'ts, by Tho. Savadge.

Granted a parole to Joseph Cary & Jonathan Pearson.

Thomas Miles' account for repairing Guns, dated Sep. 28th, certified by Robert Towers, amounting to Nine Pounds four Shillings.

£9 4 0d.

A Request to Mr. Nesbit, to let John Clindinin have one Hundred Pounds on his bond, to assist him in carrying on Saltpetre Works.

An Account of repairing Guns by George McGunnigle, for four Pounds nine & two Pence, to be charged to the State, & three New Guns, value Nine Pounds, to be charged to Col. Calender, of Cum-

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berland County, certified by the Chairman of the Committee of Inspection of Cumberland County, passed in Council.

£13 9 2.

Another Account of fifty Pounds Seven Shillings & seven pence, certified by the Committee of Inspection of Cumberland County, Nineteen Pounds, to be charged to Col. Callender, for Six Guns, three Pounds to Col. Wilson, for one Gun, & one to Col. Montgomery, four Pounds, the remainder for repairing Guns to be charged to the State, passed.

£50 7 7.

Resolved, That a return of the Arms belonging to the State be ordered to be laid before the Council, and that they be delivered out to the Associators in proportion, and that the Col's of the several Battalions be informed thereof; and that the Associators who have the Arms belonging to the State be allowed to retain them.

A Draft for two hundred Pounds, in favour of Mr. Arthur Donaldson, for the floating Battery No. 2.

Resolved, That Col. John Bull be appointed general Superintendent of the Works to be carried on at Billingsport.

Adjourned to 3 O'clock.

In Council of Safety.—Met pursuant to Adjournment.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, President.

John Bayard,	Frederick Kuhl,
Joseph Blewer,	David Rittenhouse,
James Cannon,	Owen Biddle,
Francis Gurney,	Henry Keppele,
John Bull,	Geo. Gray.
Sam. C. Morris,	

Resolved, That Mr. Peter Withington be appointed a Captain in Col. Cook's Battalion, his rank to be settled hereafter.

Samuel Royal received a Captain's Commission in the 2d Battalion of Militia belonging to Cumberland County, commanded by Col. Alison; & George Wallace the Commission of first Lieutenant in said Company, signed by the President.

Jacob Meyers' Account of fifteen Pounds twelve shillings & four pence half-penny, for Smith's Work, passed.

£15 12 4½.

Resolved, That this Board will, on Saturday next, appoint twelve recruiting Sergeants, to raise the more expeditiously the quota of men to be furnished by this State to the Continent, agreeable to a late resolve of Congress.

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Ordered, That the above Resolve be published; that persons willing to engage in that service, who can be well recommended, may send in their applications.

Resolved, That Thomas Strawbridge, Samuel Cunningham, & John Fleming & William Evans, be appointed to procure Blankets, Stockings & Woolen Clothes, for the use of this State.

That Two hundred Dollars be put into their Hands for the foregoing purpose.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbit for 200 Dollars, in favour of the above Gentlemen, and delivered to John Flemming.

Adjourned to the 2d, at 8 O'Clock, A. M.

Met agreeable to Adjournment, Octob'r 2d, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, President.

Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	David Rittenhouse,
Owen Biddle,	Henry Keppele,
Francis Gurney,	John Bull,
John Bayard,	Sam. C. Morris, ju'r,
Frederick Kuhl,	James Cannon.
George Gray,	

An Account passed for Blankets, attested by Fred. Antis, L. Col. of Col. Potts' Battalion, Philad'a County, to be charged to his Account in the Flying Camp, amounting to twenty-one Pounds seven & six pence.

£21 7 6.

An order to James McCanless, a Captain in Col. Wm. Smith's Battalion, York County, was drawn, directing him to hire a Waggon to carry some sick, belonging to his Company, to their homes; and that the Council would pay all reasonable Expences attending the same.

Pass'd an order in favour Peter Lukens, for £7 14; ordered to be charged to Colonel T. Potts.

An order was drawn upon the Treasurer for five Hundred Pounds, in favour of Samuel Morris, Esq.

£500.

An order was drawn in favour of John Mitchell, Esq., for Joseph Ferree, for forty Bushells of Salt.

40 Bushels of Salt.

An order of Congress on their Treasurer, Michael Hillegas, Esq., for one hundred thousand Dollars, in favour of this Common Wealth,

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was directed in Council to be passed to the Credit of the same, by said Michael Hillegas.

100,000 Dollars.

An order on Michael Hillegas, Esq., in favour of John M. Nesbit, Esq., for thirty thousand Dollars, passed the Council.

30,000 Dollars.

An account in favour of Jeremiah Baker, for One hundred & thirty-nine Pounds, twelve shillings & Eleven pence, for Wood for the Barracks, certified by Lewis Nicholeau, passed.

£139 12 11.

An account for ten Rifles & eight smooth Bores, of fifty-two Pounds, to be charged to Col. Timothy Green's Account, passed.

£52.

An Account of Guns & repairing, of thirty-five Pounds ten Shillings & Six pence, passed, viz: Two Guns Valued nine pounds ten Shillings, to be charged to Col. Calender's account, Cumberland County, Col. Montgomery's account, five guns valued at Sixteen Pounds Ten Shillings, the rest in repairs, charged to the State.

£35 10 6.

In Council of Safety, Oct'r 2d, 1776—Three O'Clock, afternoon.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Samuel Morris,	John Bayard,
Samuel C. Morris,	Frederick Kuhl,
John Bull,	Joseph Blewer,
Geo. Gray,	James Cannon.
Francis Gurney,	

An Account passed of Vandel Burdesway, of three Pounds, for bringing down Capt. Pawling's Company, to be charged to Congress.

£3.

An Account of Eight Guns rec'd by Robert Towers, amounting to Sixty-six Pounds.

£66.

An Account of thirteen Blankets delivered to Clement Biddle, Esq., at Camp, delivered by Abraham Laitcher, Major in Col. Green's Battalion, Lancaster County, amounting to fourteen Pounds Eight shillings, passed, to be charged to Congress.

£14 8.

New Commissions were given out to the Captains of the Galleys, & they were qualified to execute their Trust faithfully, &c., which qualifications they signed.

Adjourned to 8 O'Clock to-morrow Morning.

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In Council of Safety, October 3rd, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl,
Jos. Blewer,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	James Cannon,
Francis Gurney,	Owen Biddle.
John Bull,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Emanuel Woodbey, £4 5 0, for 17 days Boat Hire.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Major Lewis Nicola, £100, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Mr. James Dundass, One Hundred pounds, on acco't of the Fortification at Billingsport.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. John Sparhawk, for £2 3 6.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Col. Nicholas Housaher, 1000 Dollars, to be charged to the Col. for the use of the German Battalion.

The following Commissions were granted this day, agreeable to the Resolves of Congress, Viz't:

"For the Privateer Sloop Congress, Wm. Greenway, Commander, of the Burthen of 40 Tons, mounting Six Carriage Guns Navigated by Forty Men, owned by John Bayard, Jos. Dean & co.; Privateer Brig, General Lee, John Chatham, Commander, Burthen abo't 100 Tons, Mounting 12 Carriage Guns, Navigated by Ninety Men, owned by John Bayard, Alex'r Henderson, & co."

The Council adjourned to 3 o'Clock afternoon;

When the following Members Met:

John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl,
Francis Gurney,	Sam'l C. Morris.
Jos. Blewer,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Henry Fraley £4 15 0, for a Riffle delivered to Col. Matlack, to be charged to the Col.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Sacheveral Wood £46 12 5, for dieting Prisoners in the State Prison in this City, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. Rob't Towers' acco't, for making Cartridges, & Men's wages, &ca, £42 1 6.

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In Council of Safety, October 4th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice-President.

John Bayard,	Francis Gurney,
Sam'l Morris, sen'r,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Jos. Blewer,	Sam'l Cad. Morris,
Fred. Kuhl,	James Cannon.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Hemphill for Tow Linen delivered Lewis Nicola for Bed Cases for Barracks, £28 19 4½.

Col. William Cook & Major James Crawford, & Capt. Peter Withington, Officers appointed for the Twelfth Battalion of Regulars to be raised in this State for the Continental service, took the Qualification directed by Convention, & delivered their Commissions, signed by the President of Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Wm. James of £2 0 8, for 6 Kettles, to be charged to Col. Thos. Hockley.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thos. & Isaac Heston, for Painting, &ca., on board the armed Boats, £6 11 0.

Lawrence Fagan for Boarding Major Rogers £5 6 1, to be Charged to Congress.

Resolved, That Mr. William Evans be desir'd to purchase all the Coarse Cloths, Blankets & Stockings in Chester County, for the use of ye State, and draw on this Board for the Cost.

Resolved, That the Ship Montgomery, belonging to this State, be brought up & exchange her present cannon (18 pounders) and take Sixteen Twelve pounders, and that Capt. Blewer & Capt. Gurney be directed to procure proper Carriages for said 12 Pounders, and attend Particularly to their being fitted and put on board said Ship.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Lewis Grant £4 0 0, for a set of Copper Powder Measures, &ca., sent to Camp in New Jersey.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Col. Wm. Cook, for 1000 Dollars, on acco't of Recruiting the 12 Battalions of Regulars in the Continental service, to be charged to the Col.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Sam'l Wheeler for £100, on acco't of Work done for this State, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Nicholas Miller & Hawkins Boon be appointed Captains, & Thomas Branden first Lieutenant, Robert King, Second Lieutenant, & Hannaniah Lincoln, first Lieutenant, and James Williamson Second Lieutenant, (Withington's Co.) in the Twelfth Battalion of Foot to be raised in this State for the Continental service, & their Commissions delivered.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Rich'd Peters, Esq'r, Secretary at Warr, 100 Cannon Shot for 22 pounders, & Sheet

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In Council of Safety, October 7th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Samuel Morris, Sen'r.	Geo. Gray,
Joseph Blewer,	Fred. Kuhl,
Francis Gurney,	John Bayard.
Sam'l Cad. Morris,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Hemphill, £47 9 6, for 211 yards Tow Linen, & John Lynn, £68 6 4½ for 321½ yards Tow Linen, delivered to Mr. Lewis Nicola, for Bed cases.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Cap't John Hazlewood, for £50, on acc't of Fire Rafts, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Arch'd Dick £11 9 0, for Repairing Arms belonging to Col. Miles' Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Pringle, £53 8 3, being the Balance due him on the Cargo of Brig Greyhound.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver to Captain James Craig, 200 lbs. Grape & 100 Swivel Shott, he engaging to return the like Quantity.

Resolved, That all the Powder now on board the Ship, Floating Batterys and armed Boats belonging to this State, be delivered to Mr. Robert Towers, Commissary, who is hereby directed to replace it with a like Quantity.

In Council of Safety, October 8th, 1776.

PRESENT:

Tho's Wharton, jun'r,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
David Rittenhouse,	Francis Gurney,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Sam'l C. Morris,
John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl,
Joseph Blewer,	John Bull.
Owen Biddle,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Alexander Dick £13 5 0, for Six Muskets delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Philip Becker, for Boarding men of Col. Miles' Battalion, £12 10 6.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Moses Marshall, for 13¼ Cord Wood delivered at Fort Island, at the Market Price.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Philip Cole, of Northumberland County, £100, for the purpose of Providing

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Drums, Colours, &ca., for the use of his Battalion, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benj'n Randolph £18 13 2, for plank, delivered for the use of Fort Island.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Wm. Hallock £21 1 7, for Salvage of Sundries saved out of Brig't Nancy, blown up at Cape May.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Owen Biddle £446 14 1, being the Balance of his account for Cloathing purchased by him for Col. Atlee's Battalion, & Sundries for Fort Island, &ca., &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Boylan £3 14 6, for 25 Canteens, 4 of which delivered to Mr. Towers, to be charged to this State, & 21 delivered at Flying Camp, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to John Moyes, Com'y, Stores for Billingsport, 50 Shovels, 50 Spades, 20 Pitching Axes, 20 Wheel Barrows, 20 Hand Barrows, 20 Pickaxes, for the use of the Fortification at Billingsport, taking his receipt.

In order that all the accounts for pay, due to those who attended as members of the late Conference, of Committees, or Convention of this State, may be in one person's hands, Mr. Nesbitt is hereby directed to call upon Mr. Hillegas, and receive from him any money he has paid by order of this board to such members, the same to be charged by Mr. Hillegas, agreeable to the Resolve of Convention made for that purpose.

This board taking into their consideration the Advanced prices of almost every necessary of Life, and upon a proper Representation from the Chevaux de Frize Pilots, respecting their situation, do hereby

Resolve, That the said Pilots, in addition to their pay from this State, be allowed, from the date hereof, to receive five shillings ℔ foot for every vessel they conduct through the Chevaux de Frise to and from Chester, to be paid by the Captains or owners of such vessels.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of John Martin, for Five Pounds, to defray the expences of bringing him from Camp, and during his being under the Doctor's hands, he being wounded on Long Island, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Thomas Dungan of Col. Hill's Battalion, of Philad'a County, £161 6 0, for sundry Arms, &ca., for the use of his Company.

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas Wharton, jun'r, & Col. Jno. Bayard, be appointed to fitt out the ship Montgomery, now in the service of this State, and load her with such Merchandize as may be proper to purchase, such articles of Cloathing, &ca., as may be necessary for the service of this State, for which purpose they are authorized, as soon as the situation of our River & Bay will permitt, to dispatch her to any place they may Judge will be the Best Market, and most Probably supply the Goods which shall be ordered.

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Mr. Owen Biddle produced a Receipt for a Cask of Tow Linen, No. 4, signed by Lewis Nicola, which Cask he received from Col. Matthias Slough, of Lancaster, & delivered unopened to said Nicola.

Commissions were this day Granted for officers of the fourth Battalion of Associators in Northumberland County, vizt:

Philip Cole, Colonel.
Thomas Sutherland, Lieut. Colonel.
Thomas Foster, 1st Major.
Casper Yost, 2nd Major.
Debalt Miller, Standard Bearer.
James McCoy, Adjutant.

First Company.

John Clark, Captain,
Henry Ponguis, 1st Lieut.,
James Moor, 2nd Lieut.,
Patrick Watson, Ensign.

Second Company.

Michael Weaver, Captain.

Third Company.

Jacob Link, Captain.

Fourth Company.

Wm. Wirach, Captain,
John Sherred, 1st Lieut.,
Wm. Gill, 2nd Lieut.,
Nathaniel Moon, Ensign.

Fifth Company.

George Wolf, Captain,
George Conrad, 1st Lieut.,
Mich'l Wildgoos, 2nd Lieut.,
John Hesler, Ensign.

Sixth Company.

Geo. Obermiar, Capt.,
James McCalvery, 1st Lieut.,
Peter Wirach, 2nd do.,
Mich'l Schnider, Ensign.

The board then adjourned to 5 o'Clock afternoon, when the following members met:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

John Bull,
Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
David Rittenhouse,
Owen Biddle,
Sam'l C. Morris,
John Bayard.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Congress have resolved that the account of the Militia of this State shall be paid as soon as Certificates can be produced to the Committee appointed to settle the same, of their having returned all the public stores in their Possession; And as many poor people, who chearfully turned out in

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the service of their Country, may be deprived of their Pay for a Considerable Space of time, to the prejudice of their families and affairs, in Consequence the officers of the several Companies not being acquainted with the before-mentioned resolutions in time; Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the State of Pennsylvania will be accountable to the Congress for all the Continental Stores not delivered to the Deputy Q'r Mas'r General, that the payment of accounts of the associators may meet with as little delay as Possible.

2nd. That the officers of the several Battalions do forthwith apply to the Committee appointed by Congress for payment of their Accounts, and when received that they immediately pay off their men.

3rd. That the Commanding officer of every Battalion of Associators, which has been in the Service, do return to Robert Towers, Esq'r, Commissary, as speedily as Possible, all such Continental or State Stores, (arms excepted,) as were delivered to his Battalion, in order that such as belong to Congress may be restored.

As it is not improbable that General Howe may detach part of his army by Water from New York to invade this State, & as we should be unable to make any defence against them by Land in our present unarmed Condition, and as not only the Safety of this State, but the preservation and security of great part of the military Stores belonging to Congress, is thereby endangered,

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse, Col. Bayard & Mr. Biddle, be appointed to confer with a Committee of Congress, on the expediency of having a Body of Troops stationed near the City of Philadelphia, for the defence of this State, and that a General Officer of some Experience be appointed to have the command of said Force.

In Council of Safety, October 9th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Jos. Blewer,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	Henry Wyncoop,
John Bull,	Owen Biddle.
Francis Gurney,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Lewis Giron, Fifty pounds, on Account of Stone for sinking Piers at Fort Island.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Joel Zane, £10 16 3 for Sash weights delivered to Thomas Nevill.

Mr. Nesbitt directed to pay John Dunlap, £139 11 3, for Cartridge Paper, & Printing Commissions, &ca.

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Mr. Towers was directed to deliver John Vandergrest 200 Gun-Locks, taking his receipt.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of John McMicken, for £150.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for one Hundred Pounds, towards Gun Carriages, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major E. Williams £105 19 9, for his pay & Rations to 1st Oct'r.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Henry Wynkoop, Esq'r, for £500, for the payment of Arms, &ca., Purchased for this State, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Jacob Rittenhouse, £24 19 2, for Cartridge Paper delivered to Mr. Towers.

The Council being informed that several people have purchased a Cargoe of Salt from the Importer, at 12s. ℔ Bushel, and that they have since advanced the price of that necessary Article on the Consumer to 22s. 6.

Resolved, That this Council highly disapprove the Conduct of those mercenary men, who, regardless of the public Good & the Interest of their Country, in this Unreasonable and avaritious manner, monopolize those articles so necessary to the Community, and lay on such enormous Profits as puts it out of the power of the Industrious Poor to procure a necessary supply for their Families, and therefore this board do further *Resolve*, that the aforesaid purchase is and shall be void, and the Cargoe of Salt shall be purchased from the Captain at the price aforesaid, & sold out to the Inhabitants in such Quantities as may be necessary for their Families at the Prime Cost, adding thereto so much only as will defray the necessary Expence of unloading and measuring it, & that in future no person be admitted to make purchase of any Goods or merchandize coming from Sea to this port, untill the vessell arrive and regularly enter at the Custom House, & untill report of the Cargoe on said vessell, be made to this Board.

In Council of Safety, October 10th, 1776.

PRESENT:

SAML. MORRIS, Sen'r, Chair'n.

Joseph Blewer,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Francis Gurney,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Fred. Kuhl,	Geo. Gray.

Alexander Morria was permitted to depart this State in the Schooner Mariamne, Capt. William Graham, to Capt. Nicola Mole, in Hispaniola.

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In Council of Safety, October 11th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bayard,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Fred. Kuhl,	Owen Biddle.
Francis Gurney,	

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay James Fulton to porterage of anchors, &ca., £2 14 0, to be charged to this State, & £11 10 6, for Porterage of Cannon, &ca., sent to Camp in New Jersey, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Bazelee £11 15 0, Gun Carriages, &ca.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to Deliver Col. John Cadwalader, or his order, 100 muskets with Bayonets & accoutrements, & take his receipt for the same.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Peter Jones, Five Pounds, on acco't of his Wages, (he being a Wounded Soldier belonging to Col. Wayne's Battalion,) & inform his Co.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Thomas Miles & Thomas Curgee, for £50, on account of Arms making by said Miles, taking their joint Bond for the same.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doctors Duffield & Rush for their attendance on the Fleet & Artillery Company of this State, from 27 Septemb'r, 1775, to July 5th, 1776, with Rations, £182 8 1.

A Commission was Granted, agreeable to resolve of Congress, to James Smith, Commander of the Letter of Marque Brig Rutledge, Mounting 12 Carriage Guns, navigated by 60 men, Burthen about 120 Tons, owned by Alexander Gillson.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Charles Cooper £57 0 0, for 76 Cartouch Boxes, Belts & Scabbards, deliv'ed to the Commissioner of Cumberland County, to be charged to their Account.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Joseph Dean & Thomas Irwin 40lbs of Powder, they paying for the same, at 7s 6 ₱ lb.

An order was drawn on Mr. Robert Towers, in fav'r of Major Thomas Proctor, for 50 Knap Sacks, 50 Haver Sacks, & 50 Canteens, for the use of his Artillery, Intended to be sent to Fort Montgomery.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Christian Shaffer, for £20, towards repairs of Barracks, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Colonel Broadhead be directed to procure proper Lists of such Cloaths, and other articles now in Possession of the Quarter Master, which were the property of Soldiers belonging to the three Battalions Belonging to this State, either killed or taken

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In Council of Safety, October 14th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
Joseph Blewer,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Francis Gurney,	John Bayard,
George Gray,	John Bull.
Sam'l C. Morris,	

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver Daniel King 50 lbs of Copper, for the use of Salt Works.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doct'r Dunlap £15 9 3, for medicines Purchased for the Use of the Fleet.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Capt. Wm. Brown for £100, on acco't of Inlisting men for the floating Battery, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Lewis Nicola for £100, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Lewis Nicola 10 Wheel Barrows & 10 Shovels, for the use of the Barracks.

Joseph Ferree, Esq'r, at Germantown, was directed to deliver Doct. Harris One Tun of Salt Petre, taking his receipt.

Resolved, That the Commissions of all the Captains & Subalters of the Twelfth Battalion of Foot, to be raised in this this State for the Continental service, shall be dated the first of October, 1776, & their rank hereafter settled.

Resolved, That John Brady & John Harris be appointed Captains, and Christopher Gettig first Lieutenant, in the Twelfth Battalion of Foot to be raised in this State for Continental service, & Commissions were delivered them, dated 1st Oct'r.

Resolved, That Francis Allison be appointed Surgeon of the twelfth Battalion to be raised in this State for the Continental Service.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jeremiah Baker £138 4 10, for wood, &ca., delivered at the Barracks for Continental Troops stationed there, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Edmund Beach £11 0 6½, for Pine Boards for the use Convention Armed Boat.

Resolved, That a number of the public arms be delivered to the Commanding Officers of the several Battalions of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, upon their application to this Council, and that the Captains of each Company be directed to enter in a Book the names of the Associators who receive any of the public arms, and place the number or other mark of each musket opposite to his name.

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Resolved, That the several Colonels of the Associators in this State do, as soon as Possible, make return to the Council of Safety of the number of Arms & accoutrements in their respective Battalions, That this Board may take proper measures to supply their Deficiencies.

The Council Adjourned to 2 o'clock afternoon; when the following members met:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice-President.

John Bayard,	Timothy Matlack,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	George Gray,
Fred. Kuhl,	Joseph Blewer,
T. Matlack,	Sam'l C. Morris,
James Cannon,	Owen Biddle.

Resolved, That Major Proctor be empowered to exchange Two Hundred Arms now in his Possession for the like number of light arms belonging to Congress.

The Council having received from Congress a Copy of Letter from General Lee, informing that the Hessians had embarked from Staten Island, & did not doubt but that they intended a visit to this State, whereupon a Letter was wrote to the Commodore, directing him to get the Fleet in a proper state of defence; likewise a letter to Sam'l Morris, jun'r, Esq'r, requesting him to send up the Amunition Sloop, & supply himself with a shallop in her stead, to assist in sinking the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport; also an Express was dispatched with the Intelligence to Mr. Henry Fisher at Lewis Town, directing him to dispatch two fast sailing Boats to go as far as Egg harbor, & in order to give Intelligence of the movements of the enemy, & if any discoveries were made, to forward the same to this Council, & to direct the signals to be attended to.

The Council adjourned to 7 o'Clock; when the following members met:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Owen Biddle,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Francis Gurney,
John Bayard,	Sam'l Cad. Morris,
James Cannon,	Timothy Matlack.
Jos. Blewer,	

A complaint being made by Capt. Sharp Delany that a certain John Brigs, of Willets Town, Chester County, had Insulted his Company of Militia returning to Town from Exercise, & he appearing before the Council, & being charged with making use of disrespectfull Words against the Liberties of America, & not denying the same, was committed to the State Prison.

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Resolved, That a Bounty of Ten Dollars be given to every able Bodied Man who shall enter to serve during the War, on board the Fleet belonging to this State; And that Commodore Seymour be directed to take the most effectual measures for manning the Fleet to its full Compliment.

In Council of Safety, October 15th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Timothy Matlack,	John Bayard,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
Joseph Blewer,	Sam'l C. Morris,
David Rittenhouse,	Owen Biddle,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	Francis Gurney.
Benjamin Bartholomew,	

John M. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Morris, Sen'r, & Francis Gurney £5 10 0, being so much delivered to 2 Indian messengers from Stockbridge to Fort Pitt, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Cornman & Barge for 120 Bushels of Coal, delivered to Major Benjamin Loxly, for the use of the Brass Cannon Foundery, £30, to be charged to Major Loxley.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay William Roberts £46 6 2, for making Ammunition Boxes & sundry Carpenters' Work done at the State House & Magazine.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Walters & Bedwell the Bala. due them for refining 195 lbs. of Continental sulphur, £125, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Britton £42 18 0, for white oak Scantling for the Pier sunk in the Chanel near fort Island.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to Messrs. Walters & Bedwell, all the Crude sulphor in his Possession, to be

An order was drawn on Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. John Harris, or his order, for Four Thousand Dollars, taking his receipt for the same, to be delivered to Col. William Cook, of the 12th Battalion, to be charged to the Colonel.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Pollodore (a negroe) for Beating Drum for Col. Magaw's Battalion 2 months & 4 days, £9 15 0, to be charged to Congress, by their Particular desire.

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse, Col. Matlack, Col. Bayard, & Mr. Biddle, be appointed to view the several avenues to this City, and report to this Board the places most suitable, in their Judgment, to erect works of Defence; And they are directed to apply to General Stephens, Col. Dickenson, Col. Cadwalader, & Col. Humpton,

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acquaint them of this appointment, and request that they will give their assistance and advice in this important Business.

Resolved, That application be made to the Board of War, for a Letter to the Commanding Officer in the State of New Jersey, to deliver to persons appointed by this Board, three pieces of Brass Cannon, with the Stores and Ammunition belonging to them, to be brought to this City, for the Immediate defence of this State.

The Council then adjourned to 4 o'Clock, when the following members met:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Timothy Matlack,	John Bayard,
Owen Biddle,	David Rittenhouse,
John Bull,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Francis Gurney,	Fred. Kuhl.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Dean Sinkin, for 4¾ Cord of Wood, delivered at Fort Island, at the market Price.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Adam Drinkhouse, for seven muskets, £21 10, delivered to Col. Haller at Flying Camp, to be charged to the Col.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Thompson, for 35½ Gallons of Rum, & four Quarts Molasses, for the use of Col. Miles' Battalion, while at Lewis Town, to be charged to Congress, £18 0 0.

An order was drawn on Mr. Hillegas, in fav'r of Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, for Forty Thousand Dollars, being part of 100,000 Dollars borrowed of Congress.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Col. Bull 30 Spades, 50 Shovels, Grubing Hoes, 60 Wheel Barrows & 20 axes, for the use of the Fortification at Billingsport.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Daniel Reybold £2 10 0, for one days' Stage Hire, going to Rudolph's Ferry to carry a Committee of this board to Billingsport, & going express to Chester to forward a Letter to Henry Fisher.

In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, October 16th, 1776.

PRESENT;

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Timothy Matlack,
John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl,
Owen Biddle,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Jos. Blewer,	Francis Gurney.

Mr. Isaac Cox informing the Council that his private Business will not admit his continueing Paymaster to Penn'a Troop any

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Longer, therefore beg'd leave to resign his Commission, which was Accepted.

Resolved, That John Redman, jun'r, be appointed Paymaster to the Troops belonging to this State, late Commanded by Colonels Miles & Atlee, with the Rank of Captain.

A Commission was fill'd up & delivered to Mr. Redman, dated this day.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Jos Copperthwaite, for one Thousand Pounds, for carrying on the Continental Powder-mill, to be charged to his acco't.

Major Proctor was desired to hold the Detachment in readiness intended to be sent to Fort Montgomery, to March at a Moment's warning.

An Order was drawn on Mr. Towers, to deliver to Rob't Thompson half a Ton of Salt Petre.

Then adjourned to 2 O'Clock.

Met:

THO'S WHARTON, Jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Francis Gurney,
Sam'l Morris,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bayard,	Timothy Matlack,
Fred. Kuhl,	Sam'l C. Morris.
Owen Biddle,	

Mr. William Lyon, (Member of the Council for Cumberland,) appeared, & took & subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

Resolved, That the following Gentlemen be appointed officers in the 12 Battalion of Foot, to be raised in this State for Continental Service, Commanded by Col. Wm. Cooke, viz:

Captains.

Henry McKinley,	William Work.
Alexander Patterson,	

First Lieutenants.

Stephen Chambers,	John Henderson,
William McElhatton,	William Sayre.
John Reily,	

Second Lieutenants.

John Boyd,	John Hays,
Samuel Quin,	William Bard,
Edward McCabe,	John Carithers

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Ensigns.

Benjamin Lodge, jun'r,	Blackall Wm. Ball,
John Stone,	Stewart Herbert,
Wm. Boyd,	Andrew Engle,
Thomas Hamilton,	Henry Stricker.

Adjutant—Thomas Hanson.

Resolved, That the following representation be made to the Honorable board of War.

"The Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania Propose to the Honorable the Board of War, that the Following force be Continued in this State, or at Trenton or Billingsport, in New Jersey, as Necessary defence of this City, not only against the British Troops, but the growing party of disaffected persons, which unhappily exists at this time; also for the protection of the vast Quantity of Stores belonging to Congress that are now in the public Magazine; and at the same time to carry on such Works of defence as have been or may be thought necessary, viz:

"The two Virginia Battalions.

"The German Battalion.

"Four Companies of Marines."

And it is proposed to raise four Battalions of Militia, to be taken into pay for the Immediate defence of this State, to be furnished by the following Counties, vizt:

One from York County of Five Hundred men.

One from Cumberland County of Five Hundred men.

One from Lancaster County of Five Hundred men.

One from Berks County of Five Hundred men.

It is apprehended that the above force, with the Assistance of our militia, might obstruct the progress of any Body of Troops that General How might detach from his army, untill reinforcements could arrive from the Flying Camp or General Washington's Army. And it is presumed that a less force than the above mentioned will by no means be adequate to the support of the present Government In this State against the opposite party, should Gen'l Washington's Army be defeated, and they would beg leave earnestly to urge the Necessity of retaining for that purpose the Continental Troops now in this State.

As there are no persons of Military experience amongst us, it is Proposed that General Stevens be appointed to the Command of this force.

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In Council of Safety, October 17th, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN BAYARD, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Timothy Matlack,
Geo. Gray,
Francis Gurney,
Joseph Blewer,
Samuel C. Morris,
Fred. Kuhl,
William Lyons.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. David Burch, for 518 Bushels of Salt @ 14s, £362 12 0.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Col. Jos. Kirkbride, £46 8 10, for Arms & Accoutrements taken from Non-Associators, to be charged to the Collonel.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Little & Owner £9 7 0, for making Ammunition Chest for Five Guard Boats.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Robert Fitzgerald £28 2 0, for Rammer & Ladle Shafts, Heads & Pins, &ca., for Major Proctor.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay George Graham £3 3 0, for Wharfage of the Armed Boat Convention.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Major Thomas Proctor £48 14 5, for Boarding Sick Soldiers belonging to the Artillery Companies Commanded by him.

Resolved, That Capt. Blewer be appointed to employ proper persons to build Ten Flat Bottom Boats for Transporting Troops.

Resolved, That no persons be permitted to view the Fortification or go on Shore at Fort Island, unless they are employed in our Service, or have permission from the Committee for Fort Island or this Board.

A letter was wrote to Commodore Seymour, directing him not to Suffer any person (but such as are employed in the Service of this State) to Sound the Channell through the Chevaux de Frize, or take any measures to gain information of our Works of Defence, & if any such should be discovered, to apprehend them & inform this board thereof.

The Council adjourned to 3 O'Clock, afternoon; when the following members met:

JOHN BAYARD, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,
Geo. Gray,
Sam'l C Morris,
Francis Gurney,
Wm. Lyons,
Jos. Blewer,
Fred. Kuhl.

Resolved, That Five Hundred Bushells of Salt be sent to the Committee of Trenton, to be sold out in small Quantities to the Inhabitants of the State of New Jersey, at the rate of 15s ₩ Bushell.

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with such other cost of Freight, &ca., as the said Committee may Assess, and that Captain Wm. Richards be directed to take up the Salt in his Shallop, and receive of the said Committee at the rate of 15s ℔ Bushel for the Same, for which he is to be accountable to this State.

Resolved, That Jonathan Cowpland be appointed Captain of a Guard Boat in the Service of this State.

In Council of Safety, October 18th, 1776.

PRESENT:

JOHN BAYARD, Chairman.

Saml. Morris, Sen'r,	Francis Gurney,
Owen Biddle,	Fred. Kuhl,
Jos. Blewer,	Saml. C. Morris,
George Gray,	William Lyons.
Timothy Matlack,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Robert Towers, in fav'r of Mr. Owen Biddle, for 30 pieces of Sail Duck, to be replaced by him, or accounted for to this Board.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mr. John Mitchel, to be charged to his account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. John Lighburn, for 800 Bushels of Salt @ 14s. £560 0 0.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Christian Shaffer, for Sixty Pounds, for Work done at Barracks, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That in Consideration of the high price of Cloathing, &ca., the pay of the men on board the Fleet belonging to this State, be advanced to Three Pounds ℔ month, to commence from the next pay day.

John Brigs was discharged from his confinement, upon giving Security for his good behaviour.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock, Afternoon; Members met.

JOHN BAYARD, Chairman.

Owen Biddle,	Saml. Morris, Sen'r,
Geo. Gray,	Timothy Matlack,
Francis Gurney,	Fred. Kuhl,
Jos. Blewer,	Wm. Lyon.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Joseph Blewer £9 2 8, for Junk delivered to Capt. Richards.

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In Council of Safety, October 19th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOS. WHARTON, jun'r, President.

John Bayard,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
Francis Gurney,	Wm. Lyon,
David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Blewer.
Timothy Matlack,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Alex'r Rutherford £76 5 0, for Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Pringle £468 0 0, for 360 Gun Locks delivered to Mr. Rob't Towers.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Jacob Lush One Tun Salt Petre & 800lb Sulphur.

Capt. William Gamble requested to resign his Commission as Commander of the Fire Sloop Etna, which was accepted, & he is discharged from the Service of this State.

Resolved, That John Brice be appointed Captain of the Fire Sloop Etna, in the room of Capt. Wm. Gamble, resigned.

Mr. Nesbitt directed to pay Sergeant Wever £16, to be charged to the Commanding officer of the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion.

An order was drawn on Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt, in favour of John Williams, for £60, toward the Arm'd Boat Delaware building by him, to be charged to his acc't.

A letter was received from Abner Davis, a third Lieutenant in the Second Battalion of Riffle men belonging to this State, resigning his Commission, as his Health will not admit his Continuing Longer in the Service, which resignation was accepted, and he is discharged accordingly.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sacheveral Wood for Provisions, &ca., &ca., for the Convention & Council of Safety, when visiting Billingsport & Fort Island, at several different times, £146 9 1.

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In Council of Safety, October 21st, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. President.

John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, sen'r,	Sam'l C Morris,
Jos. Blewer,	Henry Kepple, jun'r,
John Bull,	Timothy Matlack,
Geo. Gray,	Wm. Lyons.
Owen Biddle,	

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay to Maj. Lewis Nicola £193 1 2, being the Ball'e of an acco't for repairs at Barracks.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r Maj'r Lewis Nicola, for One Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Jos. Cochran, £1082 12 6, for 1443½ Bushels of Salt delivered to Rob't Eastburn.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Ebenezer Lundy £137 10 0, for 200 Cartouch Boxes & 200 Bayonet Belts, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Capt. Ayres a Sufficient Quantity of Ammunition to prove Nine Six pounder cannon.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of James Dundass, for £500, on acco't of the Fortification at Billingsport, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., 300lbs of Copper, for the use of the Lock Factory.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Peter Dehaven for Superintending Lock Factory 220 days, @ 7s 6, £82 10 0.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Carter for Superintending Lock Factory 81 days, @ 6s, £24 6.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co., for Five Hundred Pounds, on acco't of the Lock Factory, to be charged to their Acco't.

Resolved, That Mr. Gray & Capt. Blewer be appointed to Sound the Eastern Channel of the River Delaware, near Fort Island; to give directions for Stoping that Passage, if they should find it necessary.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Wm. Kinnard One Piece of Russia Duck, for making Sails for the Armed Boat Delaware.

Resolved, That Capt. Francis Gurney be appointed to receive of Robert Eastburn all the Money now in his hands for Salt Sold by him, by order of this Council, and all other monies which may be received by the said Eastburn for any future Cargoes, the said Francis Gurney to be accountable for such sums to this Board.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Allison & Worel, £50, on acc't of Work done at Fort Island, to be charged to their acco't.

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Mr. Robert Eastburn was directed to deliver Carpenter Wharton, Esq'r, Five Hundred Bushels of Salt, he paying at the rate of 15s p Bushel for the same.

In Council of Safety, October 22nd, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	John Bull,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,	William Lyons.
Francis Gurney,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Nicholas Housagger, for Twelve Hundred Dollars, for the use of the German Battalion, to be charged to the Colonel.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Scott for 10 Cords of Wood, delivered at Fort Island, a 26s, £13 0 0

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay to Robert Towers, Commissary of Stores, £119 4 6, for making Cartridges, men's wages, nitre Purchased, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Hennesey £1 9 2, being the Balance of his acco't for expences in searching after deserters.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favor of Mr. Moffat, for £120 0 0, for Smith's work, to be charged to Mr. Robert Smith.

In Council of Safety,

PHILAD'A, October 23rd, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, President.

David Rittenhouse,	James Cannon,
John Bayard,	Jos. Blewer,
Sam'l Morris,	Timothy Matlack,
Francis Gurney,	Owen Biddle,
Sam'l C. Morris,	George Gray.
Fred. Kuhl,	

Mr. Peter Rhoads, member for Northampton County, appeared the first time & took & subscribed the Qualification directed by Convention.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob James £2 9 6, for dieting Capt. Allbright's Company of Col. Miles' Batt'n.

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Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Doct'r Bond 3 lb. of Salt Petre for medicine.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Major McMasters, for Six pounds, to be charged to this State, for Expences concerning Bucks County Election.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Arch'd McCall £175, for seven Six pounder Cannon, @ £25 1 0, to be charged to Congress, being sent to Amboy.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay James Oellers £178 0 6, for 21 Tierces & Barrels of Sulphor, delivered Mr. Towers.

An order was drawn on Mr. Towers to deliver Capt. Daniel Joy 300 lb. of Powder for proving Cannon.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Capt. Wm. Richards, for £500, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Biddle, & Col. Hampton, be appointed to view the Country & fix upon a Spot for a magazine for military Stores, and make report to this Board.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Matthias Slough £198 15 0, for 798 lbs. Salt Petre, delivered Mr. Towers.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Matthias Slough 265 lbs. of Powder, which, with the above sum, is in full for 1060 lbs. Salt Petre.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Doct'r Thomas Hendry £18 15 0, for 100 lbs. Salt Petre, which, with 25 lbs. Powder ordered to be delivered to him by Mr. Towers, & is in full for s'd Salt Peter.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Isaac Taylor £5 0 0, for 2 Guns & 2 Bayonets delivered to Mr. Towers.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock, afternoon.

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Met according to adjournment:

JOHN BAYARD, Chairman.

Geo. Gray,	Joseph Blewer,
Francis Gurney,	William Lyons,
Sam'l C. Morris,	Frederick Kuhl.

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In Council of Safety, October 24th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. President.

Francis Gurney,	Joseph Blewer,
Samuel Morris,	Samuel C. Morris,
Fred. Kuhl,	William Lyons,
Owen Biddle,	John Bayard,
James Cannon,	George Gray.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Mons'r, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, for £50, as a reward for his services in laying out a plan of a Fortification at Billingsport, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. John Jameson £8 15 10, for the Expences of his Company, in order to suppress the Election at Newtown, Bucks County, ℔ order of L't. Col. Baxter, 2nd Batt'n.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Commodore Seymour, for One Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of recruiting men for the Fleet, to be charged to his account.

Resolved, That Capt. Joseph Blewer & Capt. Francis Gurney be desired to take such Steps as they may think necessary, to secure the person of Charles Roberts, Captain of the Schooner Thetis, at Reedy Island, with all his papers, & lay them before this Board.

Resolved, That Jacob Myle be appointed Quarter Master to the German Battalion, commanded by Colonel Hausagger.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay David Potts £42 9 0, for Barr Iron, d'd to Jacob Myers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. Richard Thomas £17 3 2, for 8 Guns taken from Non-Associators in Chester County, to be charged to Col. Thomas.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Rob't Semple £2 10 0.

Major Knox rec'd an order for 80 Shott, or 20 oz. & 100 swivell Shott on the Commissary, to be returned.

Resolved, That the Officers of the Troops belonging to this State, who are now prisoners with the Enemy, shall take Rank in the Service of this State according to their Several Commissions, & be entituled to pay & rations the same as if they were in actual Service.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Tyler £6 11 9, for repairing arms belonging to Capt. Willis's Company of Col. Moor's Batt'n.

Agreeable to the Resolves of this Council, the Following arrangement of Captains & Subaltern Officers for the Battalion to be kept in the pay of this State was agreed to, Vizt:

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Captains.

1. Lewis Farmer,
2. John Murry,
3. Patrick Anderson,
4. James Marshall,
5. Philip Allbright,
6. Abraham Dehuff,
7. Henry Crist,
8. John McGawen,
9. Morton Garrat,
10. James Francis Moore.

First Lieutenants.

1. Bernard Ward,
2. Peter Shaffner,
3. John Thompson,
4. James Lang,
5. John Clark,
6. John Carpenter,
7. John Robb,
8. Robert Burns,
9. James Hamilton,
10. Joseph Finley.

Second Lieutenants.

1. Jacob Metz,
2. Thomas Gouerly,
3. Thomas Boyd,
4. Stephen Hanna,
5. Abraham Smith,
6. James Sutor,
7. Robert Campble,
8. George Grant,
9. Joseph Davis,
10. James Holmes.

Third Lieutenants, or Ensigns.

1. James Whitehead,
2. George Shaffner,
3. William Moore,
4. George Hafner,
5. Andrew Little,
6. Thomas Wilson,
7. Jacob Snieder,
8. Casper Weaver,
9. Thomas McComb,
10. George Guyer.

Surgeon—Jacob Reiger.

Surgeon's Mate—James Buck.

Jacob Laverswyler, Quarter Master, with the rank of

Thomas Wallace, Adjutant.

The Council adjourned to 3 o'Clock; when the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. President.

Owen Biddle,	Francis Gurney,
George Gray,	Joseph Blewer,
John Bayard,	William Lyons.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following Acco'ts:

Capt. Levering, for Repairing Arms, £3 4 9.
John Dunlap, for Printing for the Convention, £33 10 0.
Benja. Town, for do. do. £4 5 0.

Resolved, That Capt. Blewer be appointed to contract with proper person for building Twelve Boats to Guard the Fire Rafts.

Resolved, That the Committee for Fort Island be desired to Erect a Fire at Fort Island, & employ persons to manufactor nails at said Island.

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October 25th, 1776.—In Council of Safety.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Henry Keppele, jun'r,
John Bayard,
Fred. Kuhl,
Francis Gurney,
Sam'l C. Morris,
Owen Biddle,
George Gray,
Jos. Blewer,
William Lyons.

Mr Nesbitt was directed to pay Fred. Snider £5 5 9, for riding Express to Berks County, with dispatches to the Commanding Officers of the several Battalions, to hold themselves in readiness to march to this City in case of an Attack.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Capt. Wm. Brown a sufficient quantity of Amunition to prove the Guns for the new floating Battery.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Jesse Jones £11 10 0, for 7 Musketts delivered to Mr Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Adam Zantzinger £108 0 0, for Salt Petre delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Lieut. Col. Baxter, for part of a Companie's Expences in Bucks County, in order to disperce the people at the late Election there.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Mr. Evans for Blankets, Coarse Cloaths, &ca., purchased by direction of this Council, for the service of this State, £50 1 7.

Resolved, That the following arrangements be made in the Battalion belonging to this State, Vizt:

1st. That the men in the Companies lately Commanded by Captains Lewis Farmer, John Murry, Patrick Anderson, James Marshall, Philip Allbright, Abraham Dehuff, & Henry Crist, while formed in three Battalions, do now Continue under the Command of the said Captains respectively.

2nd. That the men lately commanded by Captain Henry Shade, be Commanded by Captain John McGowen.

3rd. That the men lately commanded by Captain Francis Murray, be commanded by Captain Morton Garret.

4th. That the men lately Commanded by Captain Richard Brown, be commanded by Captain James Francis More.

5th. That eight Companies of the Battalion of this State, be armed with Muskets, and that their Riffles be exchanged as soon as convenient.

6th. That Two Companies be armed with Riffles, and that the Colonol or Commanding Officer is to Select the best men for that Purpose out of the whole Corps, the Captains to have the Choice of said Companies, according to Seniority.

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7th. That after the Two Riffle Companies are formed, the men lately belonging to the Companies under Captains Andrew Long, William Peebles, Casper Weitzel, Joseph Irwine, Peter Grub, Jun'r, Peter Z. Lloyd, Thomas Herbert, John Nice, Joseph Howell, Jun'r, & Joseph McCleland, be united to Captains Farmer's, Murry's, Anderson's, Marshall's, Allbright's, Dehuff's, Crist's, McGowen's, Garret's & Moores' Companies, equal in number of effective men, and that the Commanding officer of the Battalion allow the said men the Liberty of choosing what Companies they will enter into, so farr as he can consistent with the foregoing arrangement.

8th. That the subaltern officers be allowed to arrange themselves under such Captains as they by mutual agreement may think proper, but upon the Commanding Officers' representing to them any Impropriety in the said Arrangement, they are to rectify it.

9th. That all non-Commissioned Officers be appointed by the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, which appointments are to be made known in Regimental Orders, which shall be Sufficient Authority for their Acting in said Stations.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Tustin £18 4 0, for 13 Cords of Wood delivered at Fort Island.

Resolved, That in forming a new Battalion, this board will appoint such persons for Officers as in their opinion are suitable, without being confined to those in Service.

That all Captains and Subalterns in the Army shall rise Regimentally.

That all Field officers shall be promotted according to the Line.

That the board will make the foregoing a Rule for their Conduct, except in such Instances where the good of the public may require a deviation, of which the Board will at all times reserve the right of Judging.

Resolved, That Lieut. Colonel James Irwine be promoted to the Rank of Colonel, and appointed to the 9th Battalion of Continental Troops of this State.

That Lieu't Col. Lambert Cadwalader, be promoted to the rank of Colonel, & appointed to the 4th Battalion (late Shee's) of do.

That Lieu't Col. Jos. Penrose be promoted to the rank of Colonel, and appointed to the Tenth Battalion of do.

That Richard Humpton, Esq'r, be appointed Colonel of the Eleventh Battalion of ditto.

That Daniel Brodhead, Esq'r, be appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the 4th Battalion (late Shee's) of ditto.

That Major Anthony James Morris be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and appointed to the 2nd Battalion (De Haas') of ditto.

That Major George Nagle be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and appointed to the 9th Battalion of ditto.

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That Major James Dunlap be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and appointed to the 10th Battalion of ditto.

That Francis Gurney, Esq'r, be appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the 11th Battalion of ditto.

That John Patton, Esq'r, be appointed Major of the ninth Battalion of Ditto.

That Capt'n Jonathan Jones be promoted to the rank of Major, & be appointed to the 2nd Battalion, (De Haas,) of ditto.

That Capt'n John Beaty be promoted to the rank of Major, and be appointed to the 6th Battalion, (Magaw's,) of ditto.

That Major Henry Becker be removed to be Major of the 10th Battalion of ditto.

That Captain William West be promoted to the rank of Major, and appointed to the 4th Battalion, (Cadwalader's,) of ditto.

That Francis Mentges, Esq'r, be appointed Major of the 11th Battalion of ditto.

That Capt. David Greer be promoted to the rank of Major and appointed to the 7th Battalion, (Wm. Irwin's,) of do.

Resolved, That the above mentioned Officers have rank according to the order in which their names are here set down.

Adjourned to 4 o'Clock afternoon; when the following members met:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Wm. Lyons,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl.
Francis Gurney,	

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay an order drawn on this board by George Stevenson, Chairman of the Committee of Inspection for Cumberland County, in fav'r of Mr. Robert Miller, for £550, for 100 Rifles making in said County for this State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Charles Cooper for Cartouch Boxes, &ca., to be charged as Follows:

£95 18 6 to Col. Robert Callender,		
13 11 0 to Col. John Montgomery,		
11 8 6 to Col. Armstrong,		of Cumberland County.
56 6 6 to Col. James Wilson,		
Making £177 4 6 in the Whole.		

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A., October 26th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r.

David Rittenhouse,	John Bull,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Francis Gurney,
Fred. Kuhl,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Timothy Matlack,	Fred. Kuhl,
Joseph Blewer,	James Cannon,
Owen Biddle,	William Lyons
George Gray,	

John M. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. John Lightburn, £842 5 0, for 1123 Bushels of Salt delivered to Robert Eastburn.

Resolved, That Major Proctor be ordered Immediately to send forward the Detachment of Artillery to Fort Montgomery in the State of New York, agreeable to a request of Congress, there to remain until further orders from this Council.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Thomas Pryor & Comp'y £520 0 0, for 400 Gun Locks delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Luke Keating, £37 16 3, for 5 Barrels of Pork, to be charged to the Salt Works.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Alex'r Boyle for going to Bucks & Chester Counties, to summons judges and others concerned in the said Election, £6 5 0.

Mr. Towers was directed to Deliver Rich'd Peters, Esq'r, 300 Stand of Arms for the board of War.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver John Boggart, one Quarter Cask of Powder, to be by him delivered to the Committee of Inspection & observation of Bucks County, & by them distributed to the Associators of said County.

Resolved, That the officers of the three late provincial Battalions who have signified their desire to engage in the service on the new establishment, and accordingly are not provided for in the arrangement already made, be directed to repair to Philadelphia as soon as the situation of the American Army will admitt of their absence, and that Major Williams acquaint them with this resolve.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Col. Henry Geiger £6 0 0, for 2 Riffles, & £16 0 0 for 6, Firelocks, for the use of the Flying Camp.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Mr. Gurney one Hundred Swivel Shott, he paying for the same.

Resolved, That this board will, on Monday, the 4th day of November next, proceed to appoint Captains and subalterns in the 11th Pennsylvania Battalion, to be Commanded by Colonel Richard Humpton.

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In Council of Safety, October 28th, 177 .

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	William Lyon,
John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl,
Geo. Gray,	Timothy Matlack,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Samuel C. Morris,
Owen Biddle,	Joseph Blewer,
Francis Gurney,	John Bull.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Robert Towers £69 0 2, for Workmen's Wages, making Musket Cartridges, &ca.

Mr. Robert Towers was directed to deliver John Sparhawk one Hundred Three Pound Shott, to be replaced by him.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Col. John Bull 40 Pitching axes, 100 Shovels, 100 Wheel Barrows, 50 Grubing Hoes, taking his receipt, being for the fortification at Billingsport.

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favor of Messrs. Butler & Potts, for One Thousand Pounds, on acco't of Cannon & Shott Cast for this State, to be charged to their account.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Michael Kuhn £5 12 6, for going Express to Chester to summons Judges &ca, of the late Election at Chester.

The Council Adjourned to 3 o'Clock; When the following members met:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Owen Biddle,	William Lyon,
John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl.
George Gray,	

Jno. M. Nesbitt Esq'r, was directed to pay Francis Clark £150 0 0, for Two Hundred Cutlasses delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Sam'l Postlethwaite £175 4 0, for Muskets, &ca, (1st Batt'n Cumberland Co'y.)

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Michael Finley £10 5 0, for Shot Pouches, for Col. John Montgomery's Battalion, of Cumberland County, to be charged to the Colonel.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Zebulon Potts £63 5 0, for Arms bo't, to be charged to Henry Hill.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. J. Kean £158 1 2 for Flints, &ca, Arms, &ca for Militia, £158 1 2.

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In Council of Safety, October 29th, 1776.

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,
Owen Biddle,
John Bayard,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
William Lyon,
Fred. Kuhl,
Timothy Matlack,
Sam'l C. Morris,
Francis Gurney.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, in favour of Mr. Josiah Hewes and others, Wardens of this City, for £300 0 0 for purchasing Oyl for this State, to be charged to their Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Frederick Vernon £14 10 0, for noticing the Commanding officers of the Different Battalions in Lancaster, York & Cumberland Counties, to hold themselves in readiness to march to this City, 10 days & Expences.

Col. Matlack reports that there is an order for paying to him about 19,000 Dollars, the balance remaining of a sum of money put into the hands of Col. Biddle by the Commissioners, for raising the Flying Camp, and requests this Board will order the same to be paid into the hands of their Treasurer; therefore,

Resolved, That the said sum be paid to Jno. Maxwell Nesbitt, Treasurer to this Board.

Jno. M. Nesbitt was directed to pay Leonard Rupert £16 4 2, to be charged to Col. Haller of the Flying Camp.

Jno. M. Nesbitt to pay Thos. Wier £6 0 4, for expences of his Company going to Newtown, Bucks County, to suppress the election held there the 1 & 2nd Instant, p. order of Lieut. Col. Wm. Baxter.

Mr. ——— to pay Hans Morrison £12 15 0, for arms purchased, to be charged to Col. Rob't McPherson.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay John Kerling for 9 New Guns delivered to Mr. Towers, at £4 10 0.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Capt. Zeb. Potts, for 11 Blankets, to be charged to Col. Hill.

An order was drawn on Michael Hillegas, Esq'r, in favour of John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, for Twenty Thousand Dollars, being part of 100,000 Dollars borrowed of Congress.

Resolved, That Ludowick Sprogel, Esq'r, Muster Master of the Fleet and army of this State, be allowed the Rank, pay, & Rations, of Captain from the 21st October, 1776.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, October 30th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Blewer,
Francis Gurney,	Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Geo. Gray,	Timothy Matlack,
John Bull,	William Lyon,

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benjamin Davis for a Drum £2 10 0, delivered to Capt. James Cowden of Col. Burd's Battalion of Lancaster County.

Ludowick Sprogel, Esq'r, £162 1 3, for his wages & expences going to muster the Troops when in Jersey & New York Governments, & Rations to 21 October.

Benja. Davis £2 3 0, for Drum Heads & Snares for the first & third Companies of Artillery Militia of this City.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Mr. Francis Gurney for One Hundred Pounds, for the purpose of purchasing Woolens, to be charged to his Account.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Peter DeHaven & Co., for £500, to be charged to their Acco't, for the use of the Lock Factory.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver to Doct'r Harris One Ton of Salt Petre to manufactor into powder for Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in fav'r of Mr. Thomas Nevill, for £150 0 0, on acco't of Gun Carriages making by him for this State, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Sam'l Kerr was discharged from his Parole, as he appears to be very Friendly to our Cause, Certificates from Col. J. Parker & others, & is permitted to return to his Family at Edentown in North Carolina.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Capt. John Rice Twenty Muskets, for the use of the Convention Galley.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of James Old for £500, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Samuel Boyd £35 5 0, for 15 Stand of Arms, & £58 10 0, for 25 Stand of Arms, taken from Non-Associators, to be charged to Col. Geo. Ross.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt in favour of Colonel David Porter of New Jersey, for two Hundred Pounds, on account of 150 Barrels Pork to be Purchased & put up by him for this State, (for the Condition see memorandum Book.)

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay two Accounts exhibited for Work done at Fort Island, by Men under the Command of Major Proctor, Certified by the Check Clerk, amounting to £112 17 6.

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Resolved, That Mons'r Uttendorf be appointed Adjutant of a Battalion to be raised in this State, for the Continental service, and as he has heretofore held a Commission as Captain in a foreign service, that he now rank as Captain, his pay to commence from this day. That he be permitted to go to the Camp, in the State of New York.

Resolved, That in Consideration of Mons'r Uttendorf having lost his Baggage in his Voyage hither, it be recommended to our Treasurer to advance to him the sum of Two Hundred Dollars hereafter to be discounted out of his Pay, to be charged to him.

Resolved, That Major Proctor be directed to re-Enlist such men belonging to the Artillery in the service of this State, whose times are now expired, or such as may hereafter expire, who are willing to serve during the War, they to be allowed the Bounty of Ten Dollars given for that purpose by this Council, and that the Engagement entered into by him with Mease & Caldwell, respecting the Cloathing the Artillery under his Command, be fulfilled by this Council.

In Council of Safety, October 31st, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

John Bayard,
William Lyon,
Joseph Blewer,
John Bull,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Francis Gurney,
Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l C. Morris,
Timothy Matlack.

Upon application from some inhabitants of York Town,

Resolved, That Doct'r John Kearsley, now a Prisoner in that Jail, be removed to the Jail in Carlisle, and that the Committee of York Town be requested to see it done.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay Jacob Myers for Slitt Iron & Steel he bo't of of Jacob Morgan, for the Use of Fort Island.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Thomas Strawbridge, for £75 0 0, on acco't of Coarse Woolens, &ca., to be charged to his Acco't.

An account was exhibited for Muskets & Riffles belonging to the Militia of Northampton County, Commanded by Col. Jacob Strowd, amounting to £29 15 0, which Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay, and Charge to the Col.

By order of the Council, two Blank Commissions for Privateers or Letters of Marque, were delivered to Messrs. James Mease & Robert Mease, for a ship & Brig, to be fitted out by them in a foreign Port.

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Complaint having been made to this Council by Christopher Elliot, That John Baldwin, of this City, Cordwainer, had refused to receive in payment the Continental Bills of Credit issued by order of Congress, Thereupon the said John Baldwin was ordered to appear before this board, and being Informed of the said Complaint, did acknowledge that he had refused to receive the said Bills of Credit in payment.

The Council urged the pernicious & destructive tendency of such Conduct, and requested him to reconsider it, allowing him several days to form his Judgment and fix his final resolution.

This day, agreeable to notice given him, he again appeared before the Council, and declared that he was determined not to receive the said Bills in payment; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Baldwin is an Enemy to his Country, and precluded from all Trade or Intercourse with the Inhabitants of these States.

Resolved, That the said John Baldwin be committed to Goal, there to remain without Bail or mainprize, untill he shall be released by order of this Council, or some other power lawfully Authorized so to do.

Ordered, That the proceedings in John Baldwin's case be made public.

The Council adjourned to 3 o'Clock, afternoon; When the following members met:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Vice President.

Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Francis Gurney,
Jno. Bayard,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Timothy Matlack,	Fred. Kuhl.
Jos. Blewer,	

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Maj'r Lewis Nicola, for £100, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay the following acco't:

Sarah Austin's acco't for Boat Hire, £5, at several times.

Wollery Meng's acco't, for 297 Bayonets, Scabbards, delivered to Mr. Towers, £44 11 0.

The Nurse at Hospitals at Province Island acco't, for attending sick belonging to the Fleet &ca, £153 16 4.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, November 1st, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse, Fred. Kuhl,
John Bayard, Sam'l C. Morris,
Francis Gurney, Geo. Gray.
Joseph Blewer,

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Capt. Wm. Brown for One Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Mr. John Mitchel, for £1500, to be charged to his acco't.

Resolved, That Hercules Courtney be appointed to the rank of Captain Lieutenant, in the second Company of Artillery in the service of this State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Geo. Spangler £2 17 6, for 2 days' riding into Chester County, to summons some of the Inspector &ca., of an Election held in said County.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Major Thomas Proctor, One Hundred & Eighty-seven pounds & ten Shillings, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Capt. Wm. Richards all the Canvass in his Possession belonging to this State.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of James Forrest, for his nephew James Shanks and a Servant, being for 3 month subsistance, from 19 Septem'r last, to 19 December next, allowed them agreeable to a Resolve of Congress, £22 10 0, to be Charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Arthur Donaldson, for £500, to be charged to his acco't.

In Council of Safety, November 2nd, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse, Fred Kuhl,
John Bayard, Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r, Francis Gurney,
John Bull, Geo. Gray.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Mr. Isaac Hazlehurst 25 Three pound Shott, & 25 4 pound Shott, taking his receipt to return the like Quantity.

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Resolved, That an officer & 25 men be sent to the Salt works erected by this State, on Tom's River in New Jersey as a Guard, & Twenty-five Spare Muskets, two Howitzers, & a sufficient quantity of Amunition to defend it, in case of an attack from the enemy.

Two Acco'ts were Exhibited for Arms Purchased for two Companies of Col. James Crawford's Battalion of Militia, of Lancaster County; one amounting to £14 17 0, the other to £4 10 0, to be charged to the Colonel.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of John Fleming, a soldier who was left on Long Island in the Engagement, & made his escape from thence, for £1 10 0, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Col. John Bull, for Arm purchased from Non Associators, £44 17 9, to be charged to Col. John Bull.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Col. Philip Greenwalt £94 11 9, for Arm, Powder, Lead, &ca., £77 12 0, to be charged to the Col., £3 5 0, to Congress, & £13 14 9 to this State.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Little £18 10 0, Nails & Spikes, for fort Island, delivered to Rob't Allison; also, £7 18 4, for do., for Salt Works.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Sam'l Holmes £37 10 0, for fifty Cutlasses, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Josiah Wood £49 6 0, for 161 Pikes, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Alexander Rutherford £141 19 0, for Cortouch Boxes, Bayonet Straps, Belts, &ca., delivered to Major Proctor, for the use of the Artillery, & 18s for 6 Bayonet Scabbards, delivered to Capt. Sam'l Goudy, to be Charged to Col. James Wilson.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Capt. Hugh Montgomery £10 13 3, for recruiting Expences.

Resolved, That the Committees of the several Counties in this State, where Prisoners of War are Stationed, be directed to make Monthly returns of such Prisoners to this Council, or other Executive power of this State, and that they do not, on any Account whatever, permit any Prisoner to leave his place of abode, without permission first obtained from this Council or the Board of War.

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In Council of Safety, November 4th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Francis Gurney,
John Bayard,	Sam'l C. Morris,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Fred. Kuhl,
Geo. Gray,	Joseph Blewer,
Owen Biddle,	Timothy Matlack.

Resolved, That application be made to the Board of War, to desire General Mercer, at Amboy, to dispatch Fifty Men to the Salt Works now Erecting by this State at Tom's River, in New Jersey, the Council thinking it necessary that such a Guard should be fixed there for their Security.

Colonel Timothy Matlack Reports:—

That he has paid to John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, the Sum of Nineteen Thousand four Hundred and Ninety Dollars, agreeable to the order of this Board.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Major Thomas Proctor, for 1000 Dollars, & charge the same to his Acco't.

Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Doct'r Geo. Glentworth £3 1 9, for attending a sick soldier belonging to Col. Miles' Battalion.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Lewis Grant £2 15 0, for 3 Gun Laddles, for the Convention, Capt. Rice.

Resolved, That the appointment of Captains and Subalters, for the Eleventh Penn'a Battalion of Foot, to be commanded by Col. Richard Humpton, be deferred to Monday next, the 11th Instant.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Arch'd Dick £34 17 4, to be charged to Col. Miles.

Commodore Seymour informed the Board that the Commanders of the Continental Vessels, the Wasp and the Fly, had received and detained divers Men belonging to the Armed Boats of this State, and declare their Intentions of receiving and detaining as many more of the said men as they shall be able to obtain; therefore,

Resolved, That Commodore Seymour be directed to apply to the Board of War, (or to the Marine Committee, if they are now Sitting,) and inform them of this Circumstance, And request an order for the return of the Men belonging to our Boats, which, from the

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Justice of the request, this Board have the Strongest confidence will be immediately granted.

Then adjourned to 4 o'Clock, afternoon; when the following members met:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Joseph Blewer,
Samuel Morris, Sen'r,	Francis Gurney,
Fred. Kuhl,	Sam'l C. Morris.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Robert Towers, being the Balance of his Acco't for Men's Wages in Labratary, £12 18 0.

Daniel Stonematz £39 9 0, for Tubs &ca., delivered to Major Loxley, for the Cannon Foundery.

In Council of Safety, November 5th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,	Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l C. Morris,	Owen Biddle,
Francis Gurney,	Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,
Joseph Blewer,	John Bayard.

An order was drawn on John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Thomas Dundas, for £500, on acco't of the Fortification Erecting at Billingsport.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Thompson for Water Casks, Harness Tubs & Mess Tubs, &ca., for the Armed Boat Convention.

James Bristol & Flarence Sullivan, were allowed to have a furlow for two Weeks, to work at Mr. Stacy Hepburn's Rope Walk; Mr. Hepburn is to be answerable for their return at the expiration of their Furlow, and is to engage for their appearance on any alarm, or when call'd upon by order of this board.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay John Folwell 16s for a Blanket, delivered to Capt. Thomas's Company of the Flying Camp.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Jacob Miller £32 10 0, for 13 Arms delivered to Col. Biddle at the flying Camp, to be charged to Col. Biddle.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Matthias Slough, or order, £111 18 9, for 447¾ lbs Salt Petre, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Towers was directed to deliver Mr. Slough 200 lbs of Powder.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Wm. Caldwell £2 15 5, for Wood for the Ship Montgomery.

Mr. Wharton, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Rittenhouse & Col. Humpton, the Committee appointed to view the Country and fix upon a Spott

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for a Magazine for Military Stores, Report: That they have viewed the Ground along the Wissahicon Rhoad for 12 Miles, and are of Opinion that the Heights on the north side of Wissahickon Creek, afford a very convenient Situation for Stores, and is capable of being defended to great advantage, and the back Country affords a fine retreat in case of necessity. The Hill on the Wissahickon Road just above Mr. Vanderin's Mill, is very proper to erect a fortification upon, as it may be made almost Inaccessible, and must command that Country.

In Council of Safety, November 6th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse,
Sam'l C. Morris,
Jos. Blewer,
Owen Biddle,
Francis Gurney,
Fred. Kuhl,
John Bayard,
John Bull,
Timothy Matlack.

Capt. Wm. Richards was directed to deliver Coningham & Nesbitt as many pieces of Sale Duck as they have occasion for, taking their receipt.

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, was directed to pay Ebenezer Lundy £137 10 0, for 200 Cartouch Boxes, & 200 Bayonet Belts, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Hill & Marret £68 5 6, for a Flat Bottom Boat, built by them for this State.

Resolved, That Commodore Seymour be directed to send a vessell on board every Vessell passing from this Port through the Chevaux de Frize, with a proper officer to Inspect their Permits, & that said Vessels at all times be assisted by the Boats, &c., in the Service of this State (if required) in going through the Chevaux de Frize.

Resolved, That Mr. Kuhl & Capt. Blewer be appointed to wait on the owners of the salt lately arrived, and request them to sell said Salt to this Council, agreeable to a Publication of the 12th of October last.

Information being made to this Council by Col. John Bull, that the Treasurer to the Managers of the Hospital has refused taking Continental money in Payment; therefore,

Resolved, That the Council will take order on that matter tomorrow.

Capt. William Richards was directed to deliver Mr. Towers two pieces of Duck, for Quilting Grape Shott.

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In Council of Safety, November 7th, 1776.

PRESENT:

DAVID RITTENHOUSE, V. P.

John Bayard,	Owen Biddle,
Francis Gurney,	Fred. Kuhl,
Jos. Blewer,	Timothy Matlack.

John M. Nesbitt was directed to pay Rob't Eastburn £27 6 0, for attending the delivery of Salt, measuring, &ca.; also for collecting rags some time since.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay to Jeremiah Baker, for Wood & Straw delivered at the Barracks, £180 14 0, to be charged to Congress.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Lewis Guyon, for One Hundred Pounds, to be charged to his Acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay James Ennis £6 5 0, for Riding Express to Northampton & Bucks Counties, to request the Commanding officers of the Militia to hold themselves in readiness to march to this City at an Hour's warning.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Col. Francis Gurney, for 1000 Dollars, to be charged to Col. Richard Humpton.

Col. Matlack reports, That Captain Hare, an officer in Continental pay, did, in his presence yesterday, in the open Coffee House, in the most public manner, and with Circumstances attending his manner that appeared to be intended to draw the Attention of the People present, purchase Three silver Dollars at a very considerable advance above their Accustomed Value, which advanced value he paid in Continental Bills of Credit.

The Council taking the Same into consideration, & it appearing that the like practice is becoming frequent in this City, and that it may have a Dangerous tendency to lessen, if not destroy the credit of the Continental Currency,

Resolved, That Mr. Rittenhouse, Mr. Biddle, & Col. Matlack, be a Committee to lay this matter before the Board of Treasury, take their sentiments hereupon, & report to this Board.

Resolved, That the Salt purchased by this Council for the use of the Inhabitants of this State, shall be proportioned to the several Counties, as near as may be, according to the number of Inhabitants in each; And That the Quantity allotted to each county be delivered to such persons as shall apply for it, by order of the several Comittees, on their paying the prime cost of 15s ₱ Bushel, to be distributed by said Committees amongst the people at the same price, Expence of carriage only added.

The Board taking into consideration the State of the Salt Works in New Jersey,

Ordered, That Mr. Rittenhouse & Col. Matlack visit the Salt Works, carefully examine into the state of them, and report to this Board.

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In Council of Safety, November 8th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse, Jos. Blewer,
Owen Biddle, Geo. Gray,
Francis Gurney, Fred. Kuhl.
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,

John M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, was directed to pay the following Acco'ts:

Messrs. Rittenhouse, Biddle, & Dehaven, £15 2 6, for 60¼ lbs. Salt Petre, made at the public Factory.

William Steward, for 11¼ Cord of Wood a 26s, £14 12 6, delivered at Fort Island.

Captain Blewer £19 12 0, for 28 Barrels of Tar, delivered to Capt. Hazlewood.

Matthias Keely, for 42 New Arms delivered to Mr. Towers, £189 0 0.

Christian Shaffer £40, on Acco't of Work done at the Barracks, to be charged to his Acco't.

Resolved, That Colonel Curtis Grub be authorized to impress a sufficient number of Teams in the County of Lancaster, to Transport the Cannon he has Cast for the Congress to Philadelphia.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Lieu't John Hennessy for the Balance of his acco't for Wages, £3 11 2.

To pay Mrs. Connelly £5 7 1¼, for 4 weeks & 2 days allowance, from 3 Oct'r to 3 Nov'r, 1776, to be charged to Congress.

Mr. Robert Eastburn was directed to deliver the Inhabitants of this City & County to the amount of 300 Bushels of Salt, to each housekeeper not more than half a Bushel, the other Counties to be supplied with the proportions allotted for them by Gentlemen appointed to distribute the same.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in fav'r of Maj'r Lewis Nicola, for Two Hundred pounds, to be charged to his acco't.

Commodore Seymour was empowered to Impress such Sloops or Vessels as may be necessary to weigh the Chevaux de Frize, lately sunk by accident near Fort Island.

Complaint having been made to this Board that a Certain Captain Thomas Cripen has entered into Contract with Samuel Read for the Sale of the Schooner Nancy, now Commanded by him, which he refuses to abide by or to give the Complainant satisfaction, Commodore Seymour was directed not to permit said Vessel to pass by Fort Island without Special Licence from this Council.

Resolved, That Messrs. Jacob Barge, John Purviance, William Heysham, & Wm. Moulder, be appointed a Committee to super-

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intend and direct the purchase, Sale, & distribution of the Salt imported into this State agreeable to the regulations established by this board.

In Council of Safety, November 9th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse, Fred. Ruhl, Geo. Gray, Sam'l Morris, Sen'r, Francis Gurney. Timothy Matlack, Joseph Blewer.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, Treasurer, in fav'r of Col. John Patton, for £400, on acco't of Shot cast for this State, & Charge the same to his acco't.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of the Rev'd Mr. Rodgers, for £70, being in part of his acco't for Wages as Chaplain to late Miles' & Attlee's Battalions.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Capt. Tho's Dungan £1 13 0, for an allowance of 1s p piece on 33 Worms & Screws.

Jacob Rittenhouse £31 5 10, for Cannon Cartridge Paper, delivered to Mr. Towers.

Matthias Keely £238 15 6, being the Balance of his acc't for Arms, &ca.

James Young, Esq'r, informed the Council the Colonel Housagger has declared he will pay no obedience to the Magistrates of this State.

Resolved, That the Council will take the case up on Monday next.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Mr. Leisner £2 3 0, for 43 days nursing in Hospital at New York, for Col. Atlee's Batt'n.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Caleb Hewes £3 3 10, for Oak Scantlin, delivered Allison & Worrel, for Fort Island.

An order was drawn on Mr. Nesbitt, in favour of Joseph Mather, Esq'r, for £50, to be charged to his acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Herculus Courtney £71 12 0, for Blankets collected for the use of the Artillery.

Resolved, That Mr. Kuhls, Mr. Keppele & Mr. Sam'l S. Morris, be a Committee to examine & Settle Messrs. Dehaven & Carter's acco't of the Lock Factory.

Resolved, That the Gunsmith be allowed 24s p piece for every good Gun Barrel delivered at the Lock Factory.

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In Council of Safety.

PHILAD'A, November 11th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THOMAS WHARTON, jun'r, President.

David Rittenhouse, John Bayard,
Owen Biddle, Francis Gurney,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r, Chair'n, Sam'l C. Morris,
John Bull, Fred. Kuhl,
Jos. Blewer, Henry Keppele, jun'r.
Geo. Gray,

An order was drawn on Jno. M. Nesbitt, Esq'r, Treasurer, in favour of Messrs. Peter Dehaven & Co, for £500, on acco't of the Lock Factory, to be charged to their acco't.

Mr. Nesbitt was directed to pay Benj'n Harbeson £98 12 6, for Sundrys, for the use of the Fleet & Fort Island, &ca.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay an order drawn by John Read, Commissary & Barrack Master at Fort Island, for a month's Pay, for October, £5 0 0.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Rob't Patton £88 10 4, for 2 Ton 4 c. 1 qr. 2 lb. Barr Iron, delivered to Capt. Wm. Richards.

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In Consequence of Intelligence received that part of General How's Army was making a Move this way, the Council, to get things in forwardness to make a defence, came to the following Resolutions, vizt:

1. That 12 Expresses with Horses be provided, to be in readiness to send.

2. That Col. Gurney & Mr. Kuhl be appointed to examine the state of Military Stores and Arms in the State House and Lock Factory, & report to the Board the State in which they shall find them.

3. That Col. S. Matlack be appointed to write a Circular Letter containing the Intelligence received, to the Commanding officers of the Militia.

4. That Commodore Seymour, Col. Humpton, Capt. Blewer, & Capt. Hazlewood, do review the whole Naval Armament and the Artillery Companies belonging to this State to-morrow, and make report to this Board of the State in which they shall find them.

5. *Resolved*, That Col. Bayard be appointed to draw up a Letter to Col. Kirkbridge, to view the Fords of the River Delaware above the Falls.

6. That Mr. Biddle be appointed to write to the Delaware State & the Lower parts of New Jersey, and acquaint them with the Intelligence received.

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7. That Mr. S. C. Morris be appointed to write to Mr. Parr, Mr. Tilghman, & Mr. Lukens, & order them to remove the Public Papers in their hands.

8th. That Mr. Robert Irwine be sent for and directed to engage a Number of Waggons, in order to remove the Military Stores from this City to the Country.

9. That Col. Mifflin be sent for & requested to Assist in directing the Mounting all the small Guns that can be procured on Carriages in and near the City, that is fit for that purpose.

10. Mr. Towers be Directed to provide a larger Quantity of Musket Cartridges than is now on hand, and employ as many people in making them as can be procured.

11. That the Boom be fixed to the Piers near fort Island, without delay.

Adjourned to 3 o'Clock.

Novem'r 12th, 1776.

PRESENT:

THO'S WHARTON, jun'r, President.

D. Rittenhouse,	Francis Gurney,
John Bayard,	Fred. Kuhl,
Sam'l Morris, Sen'r,	Henry Keppele, jun'r,
Timothy Matlack,	Sam'l C. Morris,
John Bull,	Geo. Gray.

Resolved, That a Quantity of Military Stores be Immediately removed to Col. Bull's at Norrington, and that Col. Bull be directed to procure proper Guards to be stationed there.

An order was drawn on Mr. Ferree, in favour of Tho's Lowry, Esq'r, for 500 Bushels of Salt, for the use of the Army.

Mr. Nesbitt to pay Stewart Duncan £3 19 4, for 2 Cords of Wood for ship Montgomery.

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